



PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

REVISED TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

**NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL
BERTHA PARK, PERTH**

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1. CATCHMENT AREA FOR NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

- 1.1 The proposal for the new secondary school catchment area is to:
- Include pupils from new Local Development Plan housing areas at Bertha Park, Almond Valley and Perth West;
 - Include the primary school catchment areas serving Auchtergaven, Logiealmond, Methven, Pitcairn and Ruthvenfield, which are currently included in Perth Grammar School catchment area;
 - Include the catchment serving Oudenarde, which is currently included in Perth Academy catchment area; and
 - Include the primary school catchment areas serving Forgandenny, Forteviot and Dunbarney, which are currently included in Perth High School catchment area.

2. NEW TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND SECONDARY SCHOOL

- 2.1 Parents/carers of children who are to transfer to secondary school in August of any one year will receive a letter from Perth & Kinross Council during the month of January offering a place to their child at the secondary school in whose catchment area he/she lives.
- 2.2 The offer of a secondary school place is determined by the child's home address at the time of allocating secondary school places.
- 2.3 It is proposed to populate the new secondary school with pupils from the following existing primary school catchment areas; Methven, Logiealmond, Pitcairn, Ruthvenfield, Auchtergaven, Dunbarney, Forteviot, Forgandenny and pupils residing in Oudenarde.
- 2.4 In addition, pupils from the new developments/strategic sites at Bertha Park, Almond Valley and Perth West will form part of the school catchment.
- 2.5 The current policies on School Admission and Placing Requests would continue to apply to the new school.
- 2.6 From August 2018 the S1 pupils from the proposed new catchment area will be allocated a place at the new secondary school. Until the new school building is operational in August 2019, this year group will be located at the designated host secondary school in Perth.
- 2.7 The designated host secondary school will be located within an existing Perth secondary school and this has been provisionally identified as Perth Grammar School.

- 2.8 Parents will continue to have the right to make a Placing Request for another secondary school of their choice if they do not wish their child to transfer temporarily to the designated host school or to the new secondary school when completed. Parents who make successful placing requests for their child(ren) to attend a school of their choice are required to accept full responsibility for all arrangements and costs relating to transporting them to school.

3. TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN 2018/2019 AND 2023/2024

- 3.1 The Council is fully committed to working with parents to support choices for their child's place of education during the transition period of populating the new school. The Council recognises that in populating the new secondary school on a phased basis, this may have implications for parents who have children already in attendance at secondary school who have younger siblings yet to commence secondary school.
- 3.2 Pupils living in the affected area who have already commenced their secondary education at the time of the new secondary school opening can remain in their chosen secondary school. No existing secondary school pupils will be required to move school after the new secondary school opens unless that is by parental choice and that year group is operational in the new school.
- 3.3 Pupils living in the proposed new catchment area who have an older sibling(s) in attendance at their previously designated secondary school will be permitted to attend the previously designated secondary school if parents wish siblings to attend the same school until the new school is fully operational in 2023/2024.
- 3.4 Older siblings of pupils attending the new secondary school will be unable to transfer to the new secondary school unless their year group is operational in the new secondary school.
- 3.5 Families moving into the proposed new catchment area with secondary school age children in a year group not yet operating in the new secondary school will be allocated a place in the existing designated secondary school.
- 3.6 Placing requests for older pupils living outwith the proposed new catchment area to attend the new secondary school will not be possible until such time as their year group is operational in the new secondary school.
- 3.7 Families moving into the area during the school session with children in more than one year group who cannot all be accommodated in the new secondary school will have the option to send all their children to the existing designated secondary school serving the older pupils, where possible.

- 3.8 As it is proposed that the new secondary school will be populated on a phased basis with S1 and S2 pupils from August 2019, the designated secondary school for older secondary pupils living in, or moving into the proposed catchment area for the new secondary school is shown in Appendix 1.

4. TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

- 4.1 The Council is fully committed to ensuring continuity of provision for young people who will be affected by the proposals. The need for improved transition is recognised both nationally and locally and is central to continuity of education and progression through the curriculum.
- 4.2 A transition programme for pupils will be established with the aim of creating and developing a positive school ethos. The establishment of a new school offers a unique and rich context for learning. The programme will include a range of activities such as joint learning themes, excursions, social and sporting events.
- 4.3 In addition, a high level of engagement activities will be planned with parents, pupils and staff from the earliest stages of the development of the new school to enhance stakeholder engagement which are known to contribute to smooth transitions for young people as they move from one school to another. Pupil Support staff will liaise to ensure that the learning, pastoral and social needs of children are fully supported during the transition process. In full consultation with all the associated schools, and supported by Education Services, a transition programme will be produced specifying clear targets and agreed timescales.

In order to populate the new secondary school there will be a phased approach to the transition of pupils from existing schools to the new school.

Year 1 Session 2018/2019

- In August 2018 S1 pupils from the proposed new catchment schools will be brought together as one group. It is proposed that these pupils will be temporarily located in one of the existing Perth City secondary schools and timetabled together.
- In August 2019 the new school will be open and that pupil group will transfer to the new school as S2 pupils.
- A buddying/mentoring programme will be led by senior pupils from the Perth City Campus to support transition.
- Staffing levels and timetabling arrangements will be adjusted within the host school to ensure that this model is successfully implemented with the increased number of pupils.
- A Transitional Leadership Team of the host school will assume responsibility for the initial S1 group and prepare them and support them through the transition to the new school.
- This group of pupils will be actively involved in consultations about their new school.

- Opportunities for parental involvement and engagement will be established, including the setting up of a new Parent Council.

Year 2 Session 2019/2020

- In August 2019 the new S1 pupils from the proposed new catchment area attend the new school along with the S2 pupils.
- A buddying/mentoring programme led by senior pupils from Perth City Campus and S2 pupils will continue to support transition.
- In August 2019 Perth City Campus senior phase subjects will have been identified which will be delivered in the new school. This will develop ethos and citizenship and provide the same peer support opportunities for younger pupils. Senior pupils undertaking those subjects will attend the new school when appropriate at times throughout the week.
- The new secondary school Leadership Team will have been established and operational for the start of the new school session in August 2019.
- The new school will have appropriate levels of teaching and support staff in place which will be adjusted as the school roll grows. Staffing levels will continue to link to the Perth & Kinross Council Staffing Standard.

Year 3 Session 2020/2021

- In August 2020 the school will be populated by years S1-S3 (Curriculum for Excellence Broad General Education for Secondary) and the Perth City Campus senior pupils attending for their particular curriculum choices.

Year 4-6 Session 2021 - 2023

- By August 2023 the school will be fully populated ie S1-S6 as pupils advance through the school and Perth City Campus senior pupils.

5. NEW SCHOOL TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

- 5.1 Perth & Kinross Council will continue to provide free school transport for pupils who attend Perth & Kinross Council schools in accordance with its existing policy.
- 5.2 Parents who make successful placing requests for their children to attend schools other than their catchment school have to make their own transport arrangements and meet the costs thereof.
- 5.3 Pupils living in the proposed new catchment area will be provided with home to school transport to attend the new secondary school where the pupil's home address is more than 3 miles from the new school:
 - Auchtergaven
 - Dunbarney
 - Forgandenny
 - Forteviot
 - Logiealmond
 - Methven

- Oudenarde
- Pitcairn
- Ruthvenfield

- 5.4 Transport is provided from a suitable point on the public highway which may be up to three miles (for secondary pupils) from the pupil's home.
- 5.5 Pupils from the above areas who have already commenced their secondary education at their designated secondary school, and are currently entitled to receive home to school transport, will continue to be provided with transport until their secondary education is completed.
- 5.6 Pupils living in the proposed new catchment area who have an older sibling in attendance at their previously designated secondary school who elect to send their S1 child to the same school as their older sibling, will be provided with home to school transport for the duration of their education to attend the same school as their sibling. This arrangement will operate until Session 2023/24 when the new secondary school will be fully operational across S1 to S6 stages.
- 5.7 School Travel Plans are an essential part of Perth & Kinross Council's strategy to tackle issues related to school transport. School Travel Plans also include the promotion of initiatives to increase the number of school children and staff who walk, cycle or use public transport to get to their school.
- 5.8 A School Travel Plan is a strategy developed by each school to encourage and promote more active journeys to school for both pupils and staff. The role of the School Travel Plan is to make alternatives to driving easier and safer, and to give parents/carers and staff plenty of information about the options. A School Travel Plan can help to improve the school run, reduce congestion and increase road safety, make school pupils and staff healthier, make routes to school safer and look after our environment.
- 5.9 A School Travel Plan for the new secondary school will be developed in consultation with pupils, parents and staff.

Pupils from Dunbarney, Forgandenny and Forteviot catchment areas

School Session	S1 pupils	S2 Pupils	S3 Pupils	S4 Pupils	S5 Pupils	S6 Pupils
2018/2019	Host Secondary School (Aug-Jun)	Perth High School	Perth High School	Perth High School	Perth High School	Perth High School
2019/2020	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	Perth High School	Perth High School	Perth High School	Perth High School
2020/2021	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	Perth High School	Perth High School	Perth High School
2021/2022	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	Perth High School	Perth High School
2022/2023	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	Perth High School
2023/2024	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School

Pupils from Oudenarde catchment area

School Session	S1 pupils	S2 Pupils	S3 Pupils	S4 Pupils	S5 Pupils	S6 Pupils
2018/2019	Host Secondary School (Aug-Jun)	Perth Academy	Perth Academy	Perth Academy	Perth Academy	Perth Academy
2019/2020	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	Perth Academy	Perth Academy	Perth Academy	Perth Academy
2020/2021	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	Perth Academy	Perth Academy	Perth Academy
2021/2022	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	Perth Academy	Perth Academy
2022/2023	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	Perth Academy
2023/2024	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School	New Secondary School

