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Monday, 25 September 2017

Dear Ms Malone,

**Gaelic Medium Education in Perth**

I am writing following an approach from the Parent Council of the Gaelic Medium Education Unit in Perth, in regard to future accommodation for the unit. I understand that there recently has been substantial growth in the number of children attending the unit based at Goodlyburn Primary School. Space is currently at a premium, and the Parent Council is keen to see the opportunity for expansion of the service, to include space for a playgroup and early years' provision. It seems likely that the unit will shortly outgrow its current accommodation at Goodlyburn Primary School.

I understand that the Council is currently conducting an Estates Review in relation to primary school education provision, and that there is an opportunity for the future needs of the Gaelic medium unit to be considered as part of this. Specifically, the parents have suggested that the unit could be moved to share a campus with St Ninian's Episcopal Primary School, which I understand is substantially under capacity at present, and where there might be space to accommodate Gaelic medium classes. Given that St Ninian's is a primary school without a catchment area, there would be parallels with the Gaelic medium unit which could make for a good fit.

In addition, it has been suggested that there might be funds available from Scottish government to assist with developing accommodation for Gaelic medium pupils.

I would be grateful if these issues could be considered as part of the School Estate Review.

Yours sincerely,

**Murdo Fraser MSP**  
**Member for Mid Scotland & Fife (Scottish Conservatives)**

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Dear Mr Fraser

**Gaelic Medium Education in Perth**

I refer to your letter of 25 September 2017 regarding the above.

I have asked the Director (Education and Children's Services) to update me regarding this matter and I will respond to you further in due course.

Yours sincerely

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