

## St. Teresa's Parent Council

### **Proposed Changes to Education in Dumfries.**

Since June 2011 members of Parent Councils across the town have been attending meetings and forums relating to the proposed changes to education in Dumfries. Parents have also been invited to some of these.

We, St Teresa's Primary Parent Council, have noted that there is a lot of concern across the town about how these changes might affect our children, and just a few of these concerns are listed on the survey overleaf. These are adapted from some of the questions raised at recent Parent Forums at Max High, St. Joseph's and Georgetown schools.

We need to know whether you – as past, present or future parents and carers of children of St. Teresa's Parish - share these concerns. Please take a few minutes to fill in and return the questionnaire as soon as possible.

Even if, at present, you may not be directly involved in any changes but we still need your views as this will affect the long term provision of Catholic Education in Dumfries and potentially across Scotland.

The proposed changes will affect relatives' and friends' children too - as well as the future generation! (So why not take a copy of this survey to them too.)

This survey is not an "official" document. It is just to gauge the views of people associated with St. Teresa's school. You do not need to put your name on the survey.

We have heard that letters with more information will be coming from the council soon and will be "made available to parents and parent councils in the coming weeks" Vanessa Morris – Learning Town Team Member in an email to St Andrew's PC.

In the meantime here's a brief outline of the 3 options being discussed:

**Option 1:** To keep education in the town broadly as it is now and to refurbish the 4 existing schools as necessary.

**Option 2:** To build a new school for students aged **15+** at the Crichton. The existing 4 secondary schools would serve pupils from **S1 to S3**.

**Option 3:** To build a new school for students aged **15+** at the Crichton. The existing 4 secondary schools would serve pupils from **P6 or P7 through to S3**.

Please indicate your preferred option or make a suggestion of your own.

I would prefer Option \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**

My suggestion would be \_\_\_\_\_

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Fuller versions of these options were sent out to our parents in the January Parent Council News Letter and can also be found – together with lots more info, FAQ's etc - on [The Dumfries Learning Town website:](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=11765)  
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