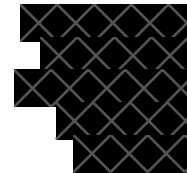
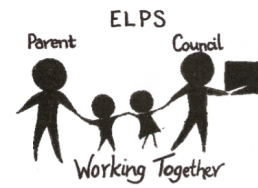


Nicola McDowell, Head of Education
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Dear Ms McDowell and Councillor Dugdale

I am writing on behalf of East Linton Primary School Parent Council, to share our views about our school building in respect of the current consultation phase of the ongoing Education Estates Review.

Our school has been extended repeatedly over the years. Despite these measures, our building is currently inadequate to support teaching and learning, due to its age and scale. As our school roll increases in the years ahead, these inadequacies will become more apparent. The data contained within the learning estate review highlights:

- Our school is one of only six in East Lothian (and the only one in the Dunbar area) that is graded C for both condition and suitability.
- The school's cost per pupil is below the county average and the 10th lowest of all primary schools in East Lothian (and the lowest in the Dunbar area).
- Our school role is predicted to increase by 23 (13%) pupils over the next 20 years, the 11th largest in the county (and the largest increase in the Dunbar area).

In addition to what the data tells us, we know there are enduring concerns around some aspects of space provision in the school as follows:

- Lack of any changing facilities for PE or activities
- Limited toilet facilities
- Limited quiet space for learners and staff
- A playground difficult to adequately supervise

It is our view the evidence above demonstrates significant improvement or replacement is a priority for our school and the Dunbar catchment.

The school's current location is ideal for a community the size of East Linton, being at the heart of the community. While we appreciate the previous proposals to expand the school were abandoned due to cost, we would ideally like to ensure the school retains its central village location and the heritage of its build environment in some way.

Furthermore, to meet the needs of learners, we would hope that either a redesign or newly developed school would have:

- An early learning and childcare centre
- Open plan spaces between classes to enable shared learning
- Private spaces
- Dining hall
- Dance space and sports hall, with retractable seating for performance and community use
- External areas for outdoor learning, PE and play, including
 - All-weather pitches
 - Basketball hoops
 - Landscaped and grassed areas

We also wish to ensure our school include resources for use by the community, providing space for external groups (e.g., meeting rooms) and include a new library for East Linton.

We share the Council's vision of making sure all school buildings support learners equitably. We are enthusiastic about the potential impact the learning estate review and subsequent Investment Plan can achieve and hope by sharing our views we can help make a meaningful contribution to developing the plan and that our school is suitably prioritised for future investment.

Yours sincerely



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Cllr P McLennan