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Dear Consultee,

**SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSAL TO REVIEW THE CATCHMENT
AREA OF DALMALLY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

SCHOOLS (CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

Background

Argyll and Bute Council, through its Education Service, aims to realise ambition, excellence and equity for all.

The Council is consulting on a Proposal to re-zone the catchment area for Dalmally Primary School so that it is extended to include the whole catchment area of the former Bridge of Orchy Primary School. This notice provides a summary of that Proposal, that you may have an interest in or are required to be notified of, giving you key information about the Proposal.

The Council is conducting a public statutory consultation process. **This will commence on 26th August 2024 and will conclude on 4th October 2024.** This is the period within which you will be able to make written representations to the Council in respect of the Proposal. If you wish your view to be taken account of in the consultation exercise, you must submit your written representation within this period. This notice and summary provides further information on where a full copy of the Proposal Paper may be obtained, and also advises on how you can make written representations to the Council.

During the consultation period, the Council will hold a public meeting where officers will be able to provide information on the Proposal. The details of the public meeting are contained within this notice and summary.

It is important that everyone we are consulting tells us what they think of the Proposal. Please read this notice and summary and then consider the contents of the full Proposal Paper. You can then tell us what you think of the Proposal by making a written representation and/or by attending the public meeting. This notice and summary tell you how to do both.

The Proposal

It is proposed that the catchment area for Dalmally Primary School is extended to include the whole catchment area of the former Bridge of Orchy Primary School, with effect from 6th March 2025.

Reasons for this Proposal

Bridge of Orchy Primary School was closed in 2004. At that point, and since the closure, families residing within the former Bridge of Orchy Primary School catchment area have had the option to choose either Dalmally Primary School or Crianlarich Primary School.

Crianlarich Primary School is within the local authority area of Stirling Council. The current arrangement was agreed with Stirling Council in 2004.

The Education Service has recently reviewed the current arrangements and have identified a number of potential issues with the Council's earlier decision (in 2004) which effectively makes arrangements to place pupils in a school outwith the Argyll and Bute area, if families were to choose Crianlarich Primary School over Dalmally Primary School. Whilst that arrangement was agreed with Stirling Council at the time, a number of concerns have been identified by the Education Service as to how sustainable such an arrangement could be in the future, as well as concerns about how such an arrangement could be managed and fulfilled.

The Council's Education Strategy - Our Children Their Future

Together we will realise ambition, excellence and equality for all.

- Raise educational attainment and achievement for all,
- Use performance information to secure improvement for children and young people,
- Ensure children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed,
- Equip young people to secure and sustain positive destinations and achieve success in life,
- Ensure high quality partnership working and community engagement,
- Strengthen leadership at all levels.

What Will We Do?

We will consult with people by:

- Giving notice of the consultation and a summary of the Proposal to the relevant consultees - **this is that notice and summary**
- Putting information (which includes a copy of the full Proposal Paper) on our website <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/schoolconsultations-and-proposals>
- Holding a public meeting to explain the Proposal
- Ask parents, carers, children, young people, teachers, support staff and others to tell us what they think of the Proposal

What to do Now?

- Please read the full Proposal Paper
- Please attend the public meeting, which will be held on Tuesday 17th September 2024 6.00pm in Dalmally Primary School.
- Let us know what you think by completing and returning the attached Response Form to :

Education Services
School Consultations
Argyll & Bute Council
Argyll House
Alexandra Parade
Dunoon
PA23 8AJ

or by email to: argyllhouwereception@argyll-bute.gov.uk

All responses must be received by the Council no later than close of business on 4th October 2024 in order to be taken into account.

What Next?

Whilst the Council is engaging in a consultation process in relation to this Proposal, it does not necessarily mean that the Proposal will be implemented. It does mean that the Council is engaging in a consultation exercise to seek your views on the Proposal.

All consultation feedback received will be carefully considered, and Elected Members will thereafter decide whether the Proposal should be implemented.

If the Proposal is implemented, any new primary school pupils who live in the former Bridge of Orchy Primary School catchment area would automatically attend Dalmally Primary School, as their catchment area school. Primary aged children who currently live in the former Bridge of Orchy Primary School catchment area and already attend Crianlarich Primary School will be able to continue to do so up to Primary 7, should they choose to. Furthermore, implementation of this Proposal would not affect a

parent's statutory right to make a placing request for their child to attend a school that is not their catchment school.

Please note that this summary document is for convenience only. Hard copies of the full Proposal Paper can be obtained from:

- Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT
- Council Headquarters – Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT
- Dalmally Primary School, - Dalmally, Argyll, PA33 1BE
- Crianlarich Primary School – Main Street, Crianlarich, FK20 8QN

It is also available electronically via our website:

- <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/school-consultations-and-proposals>

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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