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To: Parents and Carers, Auchinleck Academy

Dear Parent or Carer

**NOTICE OF PROPOSAL:
AUCHINLECK ACADEMY / CUMNOCK ACADEMY AND SUPPORTED LEARNING CENTRE**

Please see attached the Statutory Notice of Proposal which relates to the above-named establishments and which may also have implications for the community.

The Notice of Proposal contains key information about the consultation process, agreed to by Cabinet on 28 January 2015, how it might affect the establishments involved, and also describes how you can contribute your views, opinions, or comments to the process.

If you wish to find out more about this consultation you may get a full copy from the school or local library. You may also access a full copy from the Council's website www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk.

The Council is happy to receive comments and offers a range of ways for consultees to respond to the proposals: by e-mail to education.consultation@east-ayrshire.gov.uk or by writing to Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7BU, no later than close of business on 27 March 2015.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham R Short', is written over a horizontal line.

GRAHAM R SHORT
Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

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EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL

The following schools are directly affected by the Proposal Document to which this notice relates:

AUCHINLECK ACADEMY

CUMNOCK ACADEMY AND SUPPORTED LEARNING CENTRE

In addition pupils attending the following Primary Schools and special school are also affected by the Proposal Document to which this notice relates:

BARSHARE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND SUPPORTED LEARNING CENTRE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

GREENMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

HILLSIDE SCHOOL

1. NOTICE OF PROPOSAL

This document is a summarised version of the full Proposal Document which has been issued in relation to the future of education provision at:

- Auchinleck Academy; and
- Cumnock Academy and Supported Learning Centre

In addition, pupils attending the following primary schools and special school are also affected by the proposal document to which this notice relates, namely:

- Barshare Primary School and Supported Learning Centre and Early Learning Centre
- Greenmill Primary School and Early Learning Centre; and
- Hillside School

2. BACKGROUND

The schools rationalisation programme has been established to deliver a key element of East Ayrshire Council's School Estate Management Plan and Transformation Strategy, which aims to achieve an average 85% occupancy rate for the whole school estate. Currently Auchinleck Academy has an occupancy rate of 54.1% and Cumnock 59.5%. The proposal being put forward clearly encompasses addressing occupancy through merging the two academies and through co-location with other establishments. The benefit associated with successful completion of this project is unprecedented and delivers for the communities concerned through improved quality of educational experience from 2-18 years, outstanding opportunities for a community involvement approach to link Further Education, Higher Education and Business Enterprise in the project. The massive investment totaling £63.5m will transform provision into a unique approach which links all aspects of lifelong learning.

3. THE RELEVANT PROPOSAL

In formulating this proposal East Ayrshire Council undertook a pre-consultation exercise with the Parent Councils of all establishments involved, noting their positive response, their comments, and their concerns. A set of frequently asked questions was also developed and is available through the consultation section of East Ayrshire Council's website at www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk.

The proposal is that subject to the outcome of this consultation exercise:

- Education provision at Auchinleck Academy be discontinued with effect from June 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- Education provision at Cumnock Academy and Supported Learning Centre be discontinued with effect from June 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- The children and young people attending these establishments transfer to a new merged secondary school with effect from August 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter;
- The site of that school will be in the area of Cumnock presently occupied by Broomfield Playing Fields.

- That the delineated area of the new secondary school be created from August 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter, from the amalgamation of the delineated areas of the present Auchinleck Academy and Cumnock Academy and Supported Learning Centre.
- Views are also sought that the newly merged Secondary School and Supported Learning Centre should be co-located with a newly merged Primary School, Early Childhood Centre and Supported Learning Centre resulting from the amalgamation of Greenmill Primary School and Early Childhood Centre and Barshare Primary School, Supported Learning Centre and Early Childhood Centre, and a new build Hillside School on the Broomfield site.

4. HOW YOU CAN RESPOND TO THIS CONSULTATION

You can respond in a number of ways:

Attending Public Meetings

A public meeting will be held where Council officers will present detail on the options for consultation and provide further information, if so requested. A note of the comments made at the meeting will be recorded and submitted as a response to the Proposal Document. The meeting will be an opportunity to:

- Hear more about the proposal
- Ask questions about the proposal
- Have your views recorded so that they can be taken into account as part of the Proposal process.

The meetings are as follows:

Venue:	Auchinleck Academy	Venue:	Cumnock Academy
Date:	Thursday 5 March 2015	Date:	Wednesday 4 March 2015
Time:	7.00pm	Time:	7.00pm

Additional public meetings will also take place as follows:

Associated Primary Schools		
Netherthird Primary	Monday 9 March	7.00 pm
New Cumnock Primary	Monday 9 March	7.00 pm
Logan Primary	Tuesday 10 March	7.00 pm
Muirkirk Primary	Tuesday 10 March	7.00 pm
Sorn Primary	Wednesday 11 March	7.00 pm
Mauchline Primary	Wednesday 11 March	7.00 pm
Auchinleck Primary	Thursday 12 March	7.00 pm
Ochiltree Primary	Thursday 12 March	7.00 pm
Catrine Primary	Monday 16 March	7.00 pm
Drongan Primary	Monday 16 March	7.00 pm

Completing the Response Form

A Response Form is attached as Appendix 1 of this Notice of Proposal. This can also be found at the Future East Ayrshire section of the Council's website. You do not have to use this response form, but if you do not, your response must be in writing as detailed below.

Submitting Written Responses

Comments can be submitted in writing to:

The Executive Director of Educational & Social Services, East Ayrshire Council, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7BU; or by e-mail to:

education.consultation@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Responses should be submitted from the 12 February 2015 to no later than close of business (4.00 pm) on **27 March 2015** in order to be taken into account as part of the consultation.

A full version of the Proposal Document can be found on the Council's website at:

<http://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/CouncilAndGovernment/Consultations/Consultations.aspx>

or from Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock. KA3 7BU or Auchinleck Academy; Auchinleck, Cumnock Academy and Supported Learning Centre, Cumnock, Barshare Primary School Supported Learning Centre and Early Childhood Centre, Cumnock, Greenmill Primary School and Early Childhood Centre, Cumnock, Hillside School, Cumnock; your local library and from Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock. The Consultation Report is also available for review on the Council's website www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk. and is available at local libraries and local area offices.

MUST BE COMPLETED FOR A VALID RESPONSE

Name (Please Print)	Address	Postcode

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSE

I wish my response to be considered as confidential with access restricted to elected members and council officers of East Ayrshire Council

PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE READ THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION DOCUMENT (FULL DOCUMENT) BY TICKING THIS BOX

YOUR INTEREST: Please tick the most relevant box below

Auchinleck Academy	1. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	2. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	3. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	4. Former Pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
Cumnock Academy	5. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	6. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	7. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	8. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
Auchinleck Primary School and ECC	9. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	10. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	11. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	12. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
Barshare Primary School	13. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	14. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	15. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	16. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
Catrine Primary School and ECC	17. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	18. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	19. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	20. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
Drongan Primary School & ECC	21. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	22. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	23. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	24. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
Greenmill Primary School and ECC	25. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	26. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	27. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	28. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
Logan Primary School & ECC	29. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	30. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	31. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	32. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
Netherthird Primary School and ECC	33. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	34. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	35. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	36. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
New Cumnock Primary School	37. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	38. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	39. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	40. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
Mauchline Primary School & ECC	41. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	42. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	43. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	44. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
Muirkirk Primary School & ECC	45. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	46. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	47. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	48. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
Ochiltree Primary School	49. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	50. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	51. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	52. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
Sorn Primary School	53. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	54. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	55. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	56. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
Hillside School	57. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	58. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	59. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	60. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
New Cumnock ECC	61. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	62. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	63. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	64. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
Other School not associated with Auchinleck Academy or Cumnock Academy	65. Parent / Carer <input type="checkbox"/>	66. Staff <input type="checkbox"/>	67. Child <input type="checkbox"/>	68. Former pupil <input type="checkbox"/>
Others	69. Grandparent of a Pupil <input type="checkbox"/>	70. Parent Council Member <input type="checkbox"/>	71. Elected member / MSP / MP <input type="checkbox"/>	72. Community Planning Partner <input type="checkbox"/>
	73. Member of Community Council <input type="checkbox"/>	74. Resident East Ayrshire <input type="checkbox"/>	75. Other (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	

SUMMARY OF REPORT – Please refer to the statutory consultation document for the full details of the proposal		
1. Do you agree to the merger of Auchinleck Academy and Cumnock Academy?	AGREE <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAGREE <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you agree that the merged school should be in the area of Cumnock presently occupied by the Broomfield Site	AGREE <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAGREE <input type="checkbox"/>
3. In addition do you agree that the newly merged Secondary School and Supported Learning Centre should be co-located with a newly merged Primary School, Early Childhood Centre and Supported Learning Centre resulting from the amalgamation of Greenmill Primary School and Early Childhood Centre and Barshare Primary School, Supported Learning Centre and Early Childhood Centre, and a new build Hillside School on the Broomfield site?	AGREE <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAGREE <input type="checkbox"/>
Please comment, listing the main reasons for your view agree / disagree to the above proposals.		
Comment 1		
Comment 2		
Comment 3		

(Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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