
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	10 March 2020
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Subject:	Craigmarloch School Numbers 2020/21		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Committee Members on the pupil number pressures at Craigmarloch school for the year 2020/21 and to outline officers' current attempts to alleviate this.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 There is an increase in demand for primary places at Craigmarloch School for the school year 2020/2021.
- 2.2 Solutions to accommodate this increase in demand are being explored at the Port Glasgow Community Campus. The current accommodation allocation for Craigmarloch School at the campus will be challenged due to this increased demand.
- 2.3 Solutions to this increased demand are currently being explored between the Head Teachers of the campus schools and education officers.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the increased demand for places at Craigmarloch School in 2020/21.
- 3.2 That officers report back to the next Education and Communities Committee on the solution that has been found to accommodate this increase.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Craigmarloch School is a specialist provision for pupils with a wide range of additional support needs currently from the ages of 5 – 18.
- 4.2 From August 2020 a new nursery provision for 3 – 5 year olds will be opened. A maximum of 6 pupils will be accommodated in the school.
- 4.3 The school roll is currently 176 pupils from Primary 1 to S6. This has increased over the last 3 years from 150.
- 4.4 The range of need is varied and includes pupils with complex autism, complex physical and health needs, moderate and severe learning difficulties and pupils who have additional support needs due to emotional and behavioural difficulties.
- 4.5 There are a number of pupils, mainly across the primary stages, who will require a place at Craigmarloch, in session 2020/21. There are approximately eight S6 pupils leaving in June 2020, freeing up eight places, but between ten to fifteen Primary pupils requiring a place. These places have been assigned via the ASN Forum during 2019/20.
- 4.6 Currently Craigmarloch School is at full capacity and will require additional teaching space in order to accommodate these extra pupils.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 Approximately one extra room is required by Craigmarloch School in 2020/21 to accommodate the increased school roll.
- 5.2 Officers have begun to work with the Head Teachers of Craigmarloch School, St Stephen's High School and Post Glasgow High School to explore how space might be created within the current campus accommodation.
- 5.3 Discussions are currently underway with the Care Inspectorate to allow for two composite Nursery and Primary 1 classes to be established using both the existing nursery classroom and a P1 classroom, thus freeing up a P1 classroom to accommodate an extra class.
- 5.4 At this stage, the feedback from the Care Inspectorate is very positive in respect of running this model. This model of a mixed Nursery / Primary 1 class can be found in rural settings and some establishments in other local authorities.
- 5.5 At this stage it is hoped that a solution at the campus can be realised. Other solutions have been identified such as changing the usage of a meeting room to a classroom but at this stage, the solution in 5.3 is progressing well. More work now needs to be done to share plans with staff and parents.
- 5.6 The staff at Craigmarloch, along with the Early Years' team and Educational Psychology, can identify positive benefits to better meeting pupils' needs across this hybrid model. As the nursery will be staffed as part of the 1140 project there will be enhanced staffing across the provision. The Care Inspectorate have concurred with this view.
- 5.7 Subject to final agreement with the Care Inspectorate, the necessary minor alterations within the two proposed composite classes will be undertaken over the summer 2020 holiday period by the Council's Building Services Unit and registration completed to allow operation in August 2020 as part of the 1140Hrs expansion programme.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Finance

Minimal costs will be incurred in altering aspects of the sinks in the two rooms affected if the

Nursery / Primary 1 composite solution is progressed. This will be contained within the current 1140Hrs Expansion Capital budget / programme.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					Included in 1140Hrs capital programme.

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

6.2 **Legal**

There are no legal issues.

6.3 **Human Resources**

There are no human resources issues. Additional teaching and support staff for the extra pupils will be achieved from within the staffing complement for 2020/21.

6.4 **Equalities**

Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES
✓	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
✓	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

✓

YES –

NO - This report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

6.5 Repopulation

The regeneration works outlined in this report should contribute to retaining and increasing the population within the area. There are no repopulation issues.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 There are no direct staffing implications in respect of the report and as such the Head of Organisational Development, Policy and Communications has not been consulted.
- 7.2 There are no legal issues arising from the content of this report and as such the Head of Legal and Property Services has not been consulted.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.