

## Questionnaire for pupils attending Inverkip, Kilmacolm and Wemyss Bay Primary Schools

*Whilst we appreciate that you may not have considered this yet, it would help us to know your thoughts about your child's transition to secondary school. Please note that this does not guarantee your child a place but it helps the Council to plan for future numbers.*

1. My child attends \_\_\_\_\_ (name of primary school)
  
2. My child is in Primary \_\_\_\_\_ (please give the stage your child is in – not the name of the class)
  
3. My child is in the catchment area for the school   
or  
My child is a placing request at the school
  
4. My child has \_\_\_\_\_ older sibling(s) at the primary school
  
5. My child has \_\_\_\_\_ younger sibling(s) at the primary school
  
6. My child has \_\_\_\_\_ older sibling(s) at \_\_\_\_\_ (name of secondary school)
  
7. As of 18/11/2019, my child has a certificate of baptism into the Roman Catholic faith.  
 Yes  No
  
8. When my child transfers to secondary school, I will request that they attend:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of secondary school)

Please return to your child's school by **Friday 6 December 2019**

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Dear Parent

***PRE-CONSULTATION***

We are carrying out a consultation exercise to find out opinions about some parts of our admissions to schools policy for the village primary schools of Inverkip, Kilmacolm and Wemyss Bay.

On all material it will be described as a 'pre-consultation'. This is because a full formal consultation would only take place if we were putting forward a proposal to make a change.

This 'pre-consultation' is about seeking your views on a range of options and issues and at the end of this your views will be presented back to the council.

We are also seeking to find out the demand for Catholic education, specifically in the West of Inverclyde.

If any changes are then taken forward then the changes must go through a further full statutory consultation process before they could be put in place.

The main reason we are carrying out this work is that there is currently pressure on the number of pupils who attend St. Columba's High School.

We aim to manage pupil numbers so that every pupil can receive a full and efficient curriculum. This means that the yearly intake into every school has to be limited so that the curriculum can meet the needs of every pupil in the school.

At the most recent meeting of the council's Education and Communities Committee, a paper was presented and it is available to download and read online at the council website.

Here is a link to the page (it is agenda item 14).

<https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2213>

You can also visit the 'committees and councillors' section of the council website and the papers are listed under the Education and Communities Committee meeting held in November 2019.

You can also ask for a copy at the school office.

The current policy on admissions and pupil placement in mainstream schools has a paragraph specifically about village schools. It reads:

*There are no denominational primary schools in Quarriers Village, Kilmacolm, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay. Parents often choose to send their children to the local non-denominational primary school because of the travelling distance to their nearest denominational primary school. In such circumstances the following admission arrangements will apply:*

- *children whose parents have selected to send their child to the non-denominational school serving the defined catchment area assigned to their address rather than to their assigned denominational primary school because of travelling distance, will have the choice at primary 7 of seeking admission to either the non-denominational or denominational school assigned to their address. The Council's policy in respect of school transport will apply.*

This letter is written only to the parents of pupils who currently attend Inverkip Primary, Kilmacolm Primary and Wemyss Bay Primary Schools. This letter includes a link to the survey that will be available online through the Council website until Friday 6 December 2019 but also contains an extra questionnaire to help the Council plan for future numbers. This means that in addition to the general survey we are going to ask you some specific questions in relation to your child. The additional questions are not available online because it asks for specific details. We ask that you return the paper questionnaire to the school by 6 December 2019. Please be assured that your answers will remain confidential. Please complete one questionnaire for each child you have at the school. If you have a child in P7 then we should already have this information so there is no need to complete the paper questionnaire.

The online survey can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/your-council-your-say>.

While there is no firm proposal on the table, we appreciate that you may want further information on the advantages and disadvantages of what may be considered in the future and that you may want more information to form an opinion.

A series of meetings will also be held to answer any questions you may have. These are listed below.

Venue	Date	Time
Kilmacolm Primary School	26/11/19	18:00
Port Glasgow Community Campus	26/11/19	19:30
Wemyss Bay Primary School	27/11/19	17:30
Inverclyde Academy	28/11/19	17:30
Inverkip Primary School	28/11/19	19:15

Yours sincerely

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