

RESULTS OF A SURVEY OF THE PARENT FORUM AT SGOIL GHÀIDHLIG GHLASCHU

Methodology: A SurveyMonkey questionnaire comprising of background information and five questions was constructed and the link to this survey sent to all Parents/Carers in Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu. There were 115 respondents to the questionnaire. Answers were submitted anonymously and any personal details submitted have been redacted in the comments given by respondents.

Background Information (given as a prelude to the questionnaire)

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather views from the Parent Forum of Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu (SGG) to feed into the current Consultation on GME provision in Glasgow.

Glasgow City Council (GCC) is currently undertaking a formal consultation under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 because GCC proposes changes to the provision of Gaelic Medium Education in Glasgow.

In summary, GCC recognise that the current intake of GME pupils at P1 level is not sustainable within the current provision at SGG and Bun Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghleann Dail (BSGGD). The choice is to expand GME provision soon or to cap the numbers of children able to access GME in Glasgow in the future.

The changes proposed by GCC are:

1. To establish a new GME primary (P1-P3) in the South or South West of the city. Two options have been put forward: the soon to be vacated (current) Gowanbank Primary School (Greater Pollock) and Cartvale Secondary School (Govan).
2. To redraw the GME catchments so that children can be accommodated in one of the three GME schools at intake levels termed "sustainable intake". More information on what this means and proposed catchment maps are available in the Consultation document.

Full details of the consultation can be found here ([link to GCC Consultation Webpage](#)) including maps illustrating the planned revisions of the catchments.

These proposals will potentially affect families with pupils currently in the Sgoil Araich, P1 (Aug 2017 intake) and P2. The Parent Council of SGG wish to gather the views of our Parent Forum on the proposals to formulate a formal response to the consultation that captures views from right across the school community, whether you are directly affected or not.

Furthermore, the realignment of provision has potential knock-on effects for the SGG campus in the future. Although not part of the formal GCC Consultation, the Parent Council is keen to gather views on the future shape of the Berkeley St campus and Bun Sgoil provision in the North of the city.

Please answer the following questions and add additional comments as necessary.

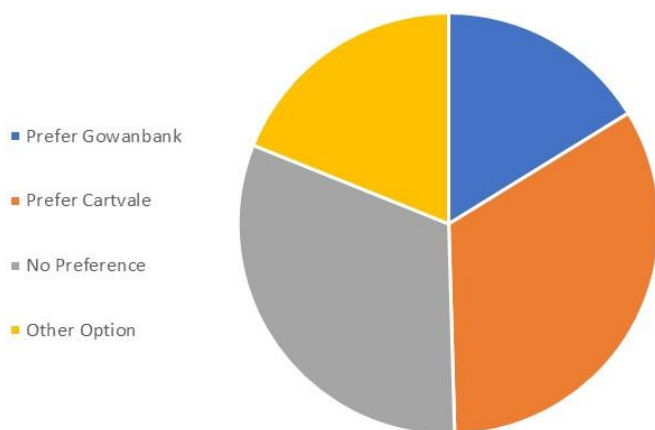
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Q1. Glasgow City Council proposes to develop a new GME school on an existing campus in order to accommodate the forecast intake in 2018. Doing nothing or delaying beyond 2018 may mean introducing a cap on entry to P1 at Bun Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghleann Dail and possibly Sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu. Two sites have been proposed: Gowanbank (Greater Pollock) and Cartvale (Govan). The consultation is also open to hearing views on other potential sites. If the new provision commences in 2018, it will mainly affect the Sgoil Araich, current P1 (2017 intake) and P2 since the council propose starting the new provision with P1 - P3 only in August 2018. What are your views on the siting of new provision?

Answer Options

1. Prefer Gowanbank
2. Prefer Cartvale
3. No Preference
4. Other Option (please specify in Comments)



Option	%	No.
Prefer Gowanbank	16.22%	18
Prefer Cartvale	33.33%	37
No Preference	31.53%	35
Other Option	18.92%	21

4 non-responders

Comments

1. Have concerns that this is being rushed through and proposed sites are not optimal for the serving Glasgow wide i.e catchment areas poorly thought out, and concerns over available resources to support a 2018 implementation.
2. I think both locations are very poor.
3. Based upon the ongoing positive growth in demand for GME provision and the recognition and support, by way of investment from both the Scottish Government and at a more local level, Glasgow City Council (GCC), I believe a more considered review of the options for the proposed location of the new school be undertaken, giving due consideration to access, journey times and distribution of demand across the city. The data illustrating the current demand and in turn, justifying the Gowanbank location, is based on the addresses of children currently in the primary GME system. This is flawed, as the data will be skewed by the fact that GME demand will be shown as more focused around the areas of existing provision. In addition, consideration hasn't been made for children in GME early years provision, and children in private Gaelic medium nursery provision in Battlefield have not been considered or included in the data. In addition, the two options currently proposed by GCC for the location of a new primary are driven by a 'go-live' date of next year (August 2018) which does not align with research undertaken by Education Services, which indicates that provision the following year (August 2019) is of greater criticality. It would be preferable that a new school be more centrally located in the south of the city, since the most pressing need is for further GME provision to relieve pressure on BGGD, the majority of which is driven by demand in the South East. This would have the added advantage of reducing travel times for families in the South West, who currently go to SGG. Review and serious consideration should be given to other options. These include:
 - Drumoyne (Druim Mòine) Primary School: a GCC property, currently for sale which requires significant refurbishment, but is close to Cardonald station, bus routes for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and Ibrox Underground station;
 - Investment being made in a school in the North West now (e.g. the former St Gregory's Primary School, Wyndford Road, Yoker Primary School, or Garscadden Primary School) to remove the majority of the pressure from Berkeley Street from families in the North of the city, enabling families in the south to remain at/revert to Berkeley Street, whilst longer term strategy is developed for a new facility in the central South;
 - Gowanbank opening as a smaller school serving the south west, as proposed for

August 2018, and subsequent investment being instead made in the former Sir John Maxwell school site, which is centrally located within the South, is adjacent to Pollokshaws West railway station, and has significant playing field space directly adjacent to it. A site in the North West, where the vast majority of demand north of the river currently exists could follow (e.g. Yoker, Garscadden, St Gregory's), with a longer term step being the establishment of new provision in the North East to stimulate demand in the area; • Gowanbank opening as a smaller school serving the south west, as proposed for August 2018, and a more modest subsequent investment (given that it is currently an operational school) being made at Cartvale for August 2019.

4. Prefer site within central Glasgow
5. The Gowanbank and Cartvale options are predicated on an August 2018 opening date, which is in turn predicated on a crisis in enrolment at BGGD. Education Services' own data does not support this claim; August 2019 is the actual 'crisis point'. Given the support from both GCC and the Scottish Government for investment in GME, I think it is important to consider what other solutions that collective investment could support, particularly given that the location of and transport access to Gowanbank make it ill-suited to be a school that serves a very large section of the city. The data used to demonstrate the geographical pattern of current demand, and therefore justify the Gowanbank location, is based on the home addresses of current primary GME children. Demand tends to centre around provision, including the Gaelic medium nursery settings, but the current analysis does not clearly take account of this. The paper excludes those children in GME early years provision, and at no point in the engagement or consultation process have those children in private Gaelic medium nursery provision in Battlefield been included in the data. The ideal solution would clearly be a new school more centrally located in the South, since the most immediate need is for further GME provision to relieve pressure on BGGD, the majority of which is driven by demand in the South East. This would have the added advantage of reducing travel times for families in the South West, who currently go to SGG. I welcome serious consideration of other options, such as: Drumoyne (Druim Mòine) Primary School: GCC property, currently for sale, requires significant refurbishment, but is close to Cardonald station, bus routes for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and Ibrox Underground station; Gowanbank opening as a smaller school serving the south west, as proposed for August 2018, and subsequent investment being instead made in Sir John Maxwell, which is centrally located within the South, is adjacent to Pollokshaws West rail station, and has significant playing field space directly adjacent to it. A site in the North West, where the vast majority of demand north of the river currently exists could follow (e.g. Yoker, Garscadden, St Gregory's), with a longer term step being the establishment of new provision in the North East to stimulate demand there; Gowanbank opening as a smaller school serving the south west, as proposed for August 2018, and a more modest subsequent investment (given that it is currently an operational school) being made at Cartvale for August 2019; Or investment is made in a school in the North West now (e.g. the former St Gregory's Primary School, Wyndford Road, or Yoker Primary School, or Garscadden Primary School) to remove the majority of the pressure from Berkeley Street from families in the North of Glasgow, and families in the south remain/revert to Berkeley Street, whilst longer term funding is found aimed at establishing a new facility in the central South.
6. Caledonia primary
7. Much nicer area where residents would be more supportive. Better layout to support infrastructure too.
8. Don't know enough about sites. Would it not make more sense to develop existing two sites further?
9. This has better transport links and extra land the council own, it's also has a sports pitch for sport
10. Hopefully this is an option because there needs to be enough teachers to fill the roles at a new school - if so it would be fantastic to keep on expanding.
11. Wait and put the money into a purpose built primary for the entire school to move to. This may mean limiting numbers for the next few years but I feel would be a much better long term plan. Travel time too long to Gowanbank and we already have a south side unit so Govan not required. Keep the school in Glasgow for the benefit of Glasgow residents. Build a new primary on the red ash pitch to the back of the school to keep a single campus and allow better access to after school activities in one central location.
12. New school should be in the North of the City.
13. Don't understand why a school north of the city isn't being suggested.
14. While Gowanbank or Cartvale would both be convenient for me personally, the proposed catchments are totally unworkable for many. P1 children sitting on a bus for goodness knows how long to get them from Scotstoun or Kings Park is far from ideal. Conversely, for me, the current set up (where my son - 2018 intake-would travel by bus to the city centre) is perfectly workable. I wonder if it might not be better to seek out a more centrally located site? several options-a school south central (Sir John Maxwell has been mentioned, but condition is perhaps too poor?), a further city centre/west end school (any potential sites in G11,12,14,20? Or alternatively a new school in the north east which might grow demand? Very concerned about poor transportation links to Gowanbank and feel it is perhaps too peripheral a site in terms of the 'greater good', handy as it would be for me personally. Also concerned about the fact that

there are only 9 classrooms. Extensive additional building would be needed, and I don't want my child to go to school on a building site! Cartvale, if big enough, might be a little better placed for transport as Govan is such a hub and on underground route for those crossing the river, but more info needed on it.

15. I believe demand will start to drop off. Numbers are dropping as children progress and parents without Gaelic realise the commitment needed or if the children are struggling. This can be seen in the figures. As the results from the high school fall those parents seeking this will also drop off. There is an inevitable drop off for high school too. I believe the increase to GME is finite.
16. Gowanbank is too remote from many parts of the city. For my own P1 daughter it is over 3 times the distance compared to SGG. Public transport journey times are too long. Bus services drop dramatically after the working day making evening events hard to attend. Cartvale has excellent public transport connections on a main regular bus corridor for QEUH and city with easy access to subway. Connections run well into the evening. The site at Gowanbank needs considerable repair in order to make it safe and ready and there is limited slippage time in order to guarantee that. Cartvale could be ready for 2019 as part of a more through assessment of options instead of a rush to be ready for 2018. I am not happy with my daughter having to switch from SGG to potentially Gowanbank with only P1-P3 pupils. How will she have older role models who speak Gaelic well? How will the transport of only young people be as safe. Already older children have helped her so much as she started P1 directly with the school bus and she loved it!
17. Having visited Gowanbank, the streets around it will be a nightmare for traffic, public transport links are poor according to locals, and the fact it is in the far extreme corner of Glasgow makes it a long trip for large numbers of people affected, whereas something south or southwest but closer to the river makes much more sense.
18. A more robust - probably 10-year - plan needs to be formed around GME in Glasgow to include schools but, probably more importantly, the viability of recruitment of high quality teachers and support staff. I understand training of teachers isn't a direct responsibility of GCC, but it would be irresponsible not to include it as a vital factor in any expansion plan.
19. Govan has a more historic allegiance with Gaelic. Also, Govan an easier site to access by public transport. There is provision centrally and in the south. Perhaps looking at further west, East or north (i.e Maryhill) would be more helpful for both families and determining of catchment areas.
20. A site in the far north west (eg Yoker/Scotstoun) and one in the far north east is badly needed rather than another south side school
21. Gowanbank is not suitable site for majority of proposed catchment due to ease of access. I would prefer a facility more centrally located in the south of the city and one in the north west which Scotstoun and Yoker would feed into rather than being added as proposed to a catchment for a school in the south west.
22. The children from the west end should go to a empty west end primary for example Yoker primary as it is vacant. Would save money on transport.
23. Accessibility of public transport should be taken into account.
24. Prefer location of Cartvale but would like to see other options that would be available by 2019 and with a bit more expenditure. Don't support Gowanbank being used and then expanded. If it is used would like work on other locations to start immediately and it to remain a 9 classroom school so not so many kids are having to travel so far.
25. I think that the council has chosen these two sites with the fixed idea that things must be in place for 2018, whereas it is possible that 2019 is crucial time. I would be interested in hearing alternative ideas from the council if they had that extra year. Neither option appears to be ideal, a more central site in the south in order to alleviate the problems mainly at Glendale, but also suitable for access by current Berkeley Street children would appear to be the ideal solution.
26. Without being greedy (!) can GME have both Gowanbank and Cartvale? The former now and latter in a couple of years? Here's my thinking: The Gowanbank site is an excellent opportunity for GME in Glasgow, for the following reasons: (1) good facilities - large classrooms, playground space, gym hall - after the proposed refurb works have been carried out it would be a good building (2) room to expand - we must be ambitious for GME in Glasgow, and expect that it will attract interest from local residents - perhaps not as much as Glendale, as that was a new build, and parents in the area may be attracted by the newly-built Gowanbank school, but having the option to expand could save a scramble for another location in future (3) it will reduce travel time for children in the south-west, many of whom spend a lot of time travelling to SGG. Gowanbank is not perfect - it is not a shiny new-build like Glendale, but neither is SGG, and it has thrived! It is not in a perfect location - the transport links for the current proposed catchment are not great, and surrounding streets seem very narrow for buses. It has also had vandalism issues. However, this is Glasgow - no area is without its issues and this option seems like the best available. However, the proposed catchment for Gowanbank is too large, with long travel times for some children and difficulties for parents attending the school for pick-ups, late after-school pick-ups, assemblies etc. The catchment should be reduced, with the intention that around 1-2 years after

Gowanbank opens, Cartvale is also opened for GME, taking children from a catchment area covering the immediate south near the school plus some of the North / East, thus gradually reducing the size of SGG. The council indicated that to close SGG to primary altogether would require building a new 3 stream school (massive site and cost required - query would they ever get funding or is this a pipe dream?) but using Cartvale and Gowanbank might mean they only need a 1 or 2 stream new school in the North. Cartvale seems to have more accommodation than indicated by GCC - perhaps up to 14 classrooms if the current woodwork, fitness room, home economics rooms etc can be converted back to classrooms - so this offers a great option for more than just a single stream school - at least 1.5 streams (eg mix of single years and composites). The location of Cartvale is excellent, with easy access from North and South. Final comments - we must do something asap, as no one wants a cap on the number entering GME - this is devastating for individual families and the language revival. Siblings should not be separated under the current catchment plans.

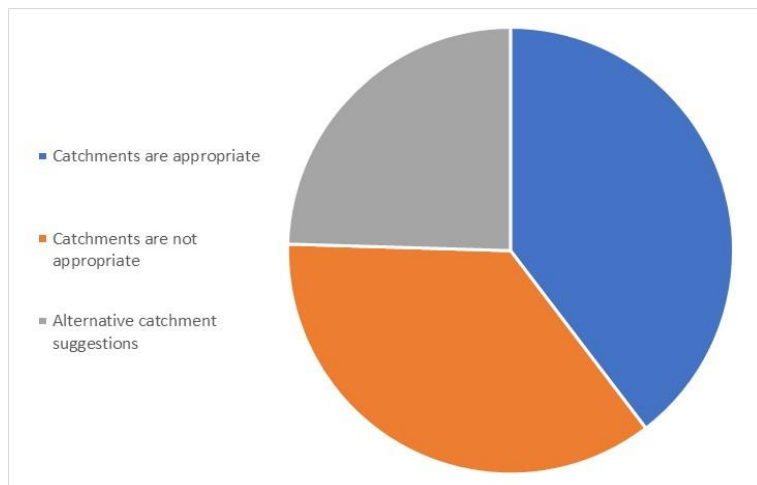
27. Will be good for the area. It will be good for expansion in terms of demand of gaelic education. Site is good size and has lots of potential. Need to get the surrounding community onboard. Things that could be improved are transport links for parents. Safe designated parking areas/cctv/security etc.
28. Gowanbank is too far south for most families! Govan is far more central and could accommodate more pupils from the current SGG without travelling for more than an hour to get to school.
29. Cartvale is too close to the current school. Gowanbank has extensive grounds and room for expansion. As a taxi driver I can say with certainty that Gowanbank is also much more accessible to most of the south side pupils as most rush hour traffic is usually headed away from that area. Other than Silverburn the area is largely residential but even then, there are ways to circumnavigate. Cartvale is surrounded by problem areas such as the Clyde arc bridge, the Clyde tunnel, QEUH which causes havoc along Shieldhall road and Govan road, 2 busy accesses to the M8 one of which is right next to Asda Govan. Anyone living out with the immediate Govan/Ibrox area (including school buses) would struggle with access.
30. Given the (at times, barely veiled) hostility towards Gaelic in the general population, I'm concerned about plonking a gaelic school into a community that never asked for it, esp. when you considered that the last school was vandalised and set ablaze. I see two potential outcomes, 1) the community embraces the idea of a gaelic school and sends their children which while great, will mean that we'll just reach capacity again in a very short time or 2) the antipathy and hostility towards the school building will grow and the building will be vandalised again and again. Also, while the site itself might have adequate space, how easy is it to ship busses in and out to the campus? ? Will that be disruptive to the community surrounding the school? How easy will it be for parents who depend on public transport to get there?
31. I believe this school is in much much better condition than gowanbank and its within a housing scheme so no busy roads etc
32. We live in scotstoun area and would ideally like to remain at Berkeley
33. Both options are a short term fix to a growing issue around accommodation and resources. If gowanbank is the option, why not merge with the growing need in east Renfrewshire who had their request revolved. Have a larger, more long term and sustainable primary 1-7. A second GME in the north side, to accommodate the need to move the rest of the bun Sgoil from Berkeley st in 4/5 years. Children need consistency and moving from school to school, area to area does not support this basic need affecting child performance and development. A longer term solution must be considered.
34. I feel that this is yet another short term fix and not a sustainable option. I feel there should be a stand alone large primary school built to accommodate Glasgow as a whole with a nursery attached/near by. This would allow for staff to work cooperatively and share practice rather than be spread across the city making practice inconsistent and more challenging for staff to manage.
35. Gowanbank looks difficult for parents to reach by public transport.
36. Closer to the other two Gaelic primaries.
37. I think the intake should be capped providing buildings maybe achievable but finding teachers is difficult in the current climate for English speaking schools. I have grave concerns about being able to continue to provide Gaelic speaking teachers to meet demand.
38. Cartvale or the current Berkeley Street school is more suited to my location. I can get to Berkeley street in 10 mins through tunnel and on the express way. I have a daughter who will be going into P5 next year and her sibling will be starting school next year. For me it's crucial that both are able to attend the same school where transport is provided. If it came to the option that my daughter wished to remain at Berkeley Street and my youngest had to attend school elsewhere, I think it's unfair to penalise them by not providing transport.
39. Review existing land around current schools for redevelopment
40. Cartvale's proximity to Berkeley St would make it possible to share resources.

41. Transport must be considered. The new school should be where the majority of demand comes from not where there is an empty school. The ideal would be to have children within walking distance of their school.

Q2. GCC have set out proposed catchments for the three GME schools (based on the Gowanbank option). These catchments affect children in the South and South West of the city, and potentially some in the North West, currently attending SGG. These catchment boundaries are not yet fixed; GCC are open to hearing views of how the catchments should be drawn. If you think the catchment directly affects your family, you should also reply individually to the consultation process and make your views known since GCC have committed to listening to parents acutely affected by the setting of catchment boundaries. What are your views on the proposed catchments?

Answer Options

1. **Catchments are appropriate**
2. **Catchments are not appropriate**
3. **Alternative catchment suggestions (Please specify in Comments using suitable landmarks (motorways, rivers etc. where you think appropriate catchments could be drawn))**



Option	%	No.
Catchments are appropriate	40.37%	44
Catchments are not appropriate	37.61%	41
Alternative catchment suggestions	22.02%	24

6 non-responders

Comments

1. Clyde river should be a natural boundary, you shouldn't have to travel excessively and pass two Gaelic schools to get to a new one.
2. Catchments are unfair on families who have existing children in school who with have to move and be split from siblings. Catchments are fair for new starts only.
3. The catchment boundaries are not appropriate because of the total lack of robustness with which they have been drawn up, based upon the concept of 'natural boundaries' such as the river. Adopting this process to define catchment boundaries for GME, which has a much more complex distribution and spread of demand is wholly inappropriate and does not take due consideration of the relevant transport infrastructure and associated travel times. Commissioning of a detailed Transport Impact Study is essential. Serious consideration and a clear approach is needed to address the scenario whereby families on the outlying areas of catchments are unable to secure a place, if a limited entry (capped) approach is adopted. Parents far from BGGD and SGG would simply not gain a place and be forced to put in placing requests for Gowanbank. If the Gowanbank catchment is to be made smaller, that needs to be coupled with an understanding that the drawing down of numbers at BGGD and SGG may need to be decelerated.
4. Long-term I think central city centre area is the best option. It would provide a central & visual presence within the heart of Glasgow. An ethos of inclusiveness with no geographical boundaries of north, south, east or west.
5. The catchment boundaries are not appropriate because of the total lack of robustness with which they have been drawn up, based upon the use of crude 'natural boundaries' such as the river, or railway lines; the ad hoc nature of this 'method' in a situation as nuanced as GME is completely inappropriate. Any catchment boundary planning should include a much more detailed scrutiny of transport issues for families, such as a Transport Impact Study. GCC may have publically committed to 'listening to parents' affected by the setting of catchment boundaries, but Education Services have also publically stated that there is no robust methodology to do this systematically. I think any response should request that if some parents were going to be 'listened to' and others were not, then there should be just such a methodology, e.g. parents' public transport journeys to school should not be increased by more than a proportion of X%. I would also want any response to feedback that any simplistic 'lopping off' of parts of the proposed catchment (e.g. Yoker/Scotstoun/Whiteinch remain part of SGG catchment) would, if coupled with the implication of a limited entry at the original schools, be futile. Parents far from BGGD and SGG would simply not gain a place and be forced to put in placing requests for Gowanbank. If the

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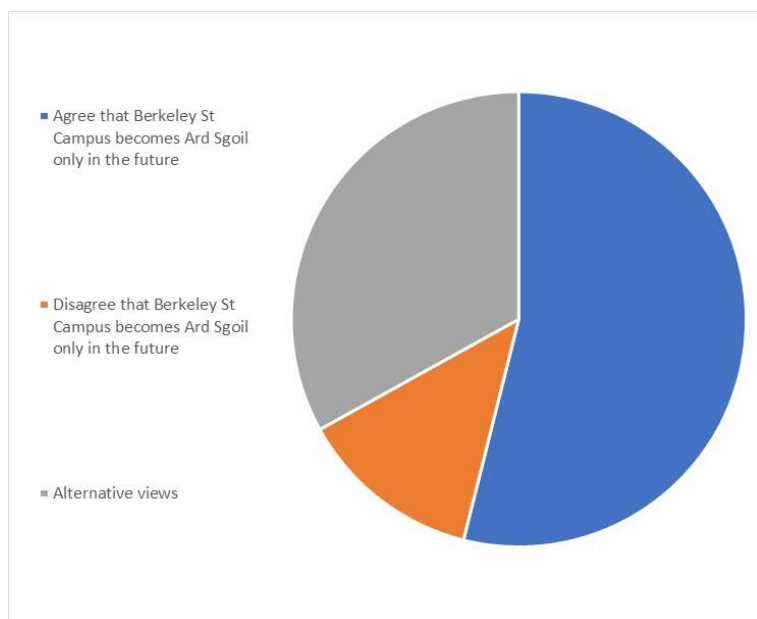
6. The river or slightly beyond the river including some of Govan should be the catchment. It does not seem logical for children to travel south side when the Berkeley St campus is closer and a direct bus route. The bigger plan includes another school opening in, as suggested by Maureen McKenna, in Maryhill once Berkeley St reaches capacity which would mean another move for these children who live in the north west!
7. Catchment for Bun Sgoil at SGG should be north of the River Clyde, including Scotstoun and Yoker
8. The railway is a ridiculous way to divide for children in the north and west of the city. Time travelling on buses at 8-9am should be the key factor in locating new school.
9. Would prefer the River Clyde as natural catchment boundary, even if results in number imbalance at the schools....
10. There is too much area covered in the Gowanbank proposal, people who are only 3 or minus miles from the current school will end up under a catchment for an area 5+ miles away
11. Students north of the river should not have to travel such a large distance to a school on the south side of the Clyde.
12. Scotstoun should still be zoned for Glasgow Gaelic school.
13. Do not feel I can comment on this as I am not familiar with the proposed catchment areas. My children attend the secondary school but we live outside Glasgow.
14. Kids already attending should not be moved if they also have siblings in the school.
15. Catchment area should use the river as a cut off otherwise students from Scotstoun will have to travel through the tunnel at peak times which will make a longer and more arduous commute due to traffic. Also if there is a plan for a school in the north west to open in the next few years then that would mean 2 transfers for a child who lives in the Scotstoun area.
16. I don't want to say yes or no because it will not affect me but there was not an option for that.
17. Catchment boundary should be the River Clyde.
18. Seem as appropriate as possible.
19. The catchment should not include parts of the North of the city.
20. Asking Scotstoun families to cross the river is nonsensical. Likewise, children in parts of Shawlands, Newlands, Kings Park etc would have to more or less pass BSGGD on a very lengthy journey to the new site.
21. I don't have the answer but distances are too far for children and parents alike. Impossible for working parents picking up. Just completely impractical.
22. In my own case my daughter would need to switch to Gowanbank from SGG and travel three times as far. I would propose that the south end of the catchment for SGG uses north of the M8 (for the area between the Clyde Tunnel and the Kingston Bridge) and not the River Clyde. In this area, the small number of children attending SGG from Ibrox and Cessnock are able to continue doing so and be able to make use of the excellent transport connections over to SGG for activities later in the day. Ibrox and Cessnock has great cycle options to SGG also. This is not the case for Gowanbank where travel is much longer and much more awkward and difficult. It is vital that the River Clyde is not allowed to be an educational barrier when sheer common sense would indicate that it is easy to go over the Finnieston Bridge or use the Cycle Route at Exhibition Centre.
23. Assuming that Gowanbank goes ahead, it seems anyone north of the river has added issues with public transport as I gather they'd have to go into the city centre first. Admittedly this is a similar problem with parents in the south west trying to reach BGG.
24. See above - not necessarily inappropriate but there needs to be a proper expansion plan drawn up to take into account all aspects of GME in Glasgow. Catchment for a south side school should not take in any area north of the river. Travel time at rush hour will be ridiculous
25. Scotstoun and Yoker should not be part of the catchment for a school in south west as journey time is at least doubled. The river is a very physical divide and makes access difficult especially if you have no car. Scotstoun and Yoker should remain within the catchment for SGG Bun Sgoil. If new school goes ahead catchment could be divided by the river.
26. I think it's really important those who can easily walk to a school should be able to do so. The current catchment for Glendale seems a bit strange as some people who are 15 minutes walk away are no longer in the catchment but others who are 30 minutes walk away are.
27. Transport needs to be assessed so that areas with poor transport connections aren't included in Gowanbank catchment. North of river shouldn't be included as there will need to be a fourth school here to relieve pressure on Berkeley Street so doesn't make sense to disrupt kids and community again.
28. Whilst this has no direct impact on my family, it is clear to me that the catchments are not appropriate when considering proximity and journey times to both the proposed Gowanbank site and the existing Berkeley Street site. Firstly, all of the catchment area north of the river should remain at Berkeley Street. Secondly, the council document conveniently uses an old map which takes no account of the 'new'

- bridge at Finneston. It is clear that those who live south of the river in close proximity to this bridge should also continue to remain at Berkeley Street. All households in these two situations will find Berkeley street far more accessible than Gowanbank. If this results in unrealistically small numbers at Gowanbank which does not alleviate the capacity problems then Gowanbank is not the ideal site.
29. Too large for Gowanbank, as per previous answer. Siblings should not be separated - this is impossible for parents for so many reasons and not good for the children themselves, who have strong family bonds that are strengthened by a shared school experience.
 30. Pupils in the south east are left far too far away. Public transport is limited which means parental involvement in school could be difficult, and parental involvement is vital in GME education, to strengthen language use outside of school.
 31. To be honest it is hard to form an opinion of the new catchments without knowing how people in those areas would be affected. I feel that any catchment that forces children to cross the river to attend school is problematic.
 32. Those at extremes of catchment areas may be too extreme? Could look at individual cases?
 33. Several regions that are closer to SGG have been swapped to the new Gowan bank campus which will result in increased travel for those pupils - areas north of the river and those south of the river (govan, ibrox, dumbreck which are very close to SGG). I'd suggest keeping the pocket of southside that is to the west of M77 (dumbreck, ibrox, govan)
 34. I wouldn't suggest anyone south of Shieldhall road and west of the M77 go to the Gowanbank campus. Those to the East of the M77 go to Glendale and the rest go to the SGG on Berkeley st.
 35. We are not currently affected by the proposed changes hence we have no personal views on proposed catchments.
 36. By all means re-draw the catchment areas south of the river, but the children (and their parents north of the Clyde) should not have to cross the river to go to school. There are various choke points when trying to get across and traffic jams, breakdowns, roadworks etc at those points will make the journey far too long for small children, esp if they need to go to the toilet.
 37. I would sit in the new gowanbank catchment however I am much closer to Berkeley. I am beside govan town hall which is just over the squinty bridge I believe along to at least govan subway area should still be with Berkeley St, or anyone with a 2 mile distance to the school
 38. Feel strongly that fall into Berkeley catchment due to travel and logistics and welfare of my child
 39. For those north of the Clyde (Whiteinch, Scotstoun and Yoker) the proposed catchment is a disaster. We would have to travel the Express way, M8 and M77 to get to Gowanbank while Berkeley Street is just off the Express way.
 40. Children cannot be expected to be travelling in Sgoil buses for over an hour. The travel of children over the Kingston bridge or Clyde tunnel from knightwood to gowanbank at rush hours will be horrendous. More consideration to travel times and costs associated required.
 41. In my opinion the River Clyde should be the boundary for the new south west Gaelic school
 42. I have no preference as I feel having several small Gaelic medium education services scattered throughout the city is currently not our best option. Just from the point of view of Gaelic speaking staff currently available.
 43. It would seem more sensible for all those north of the river Clyde to continue to attend SGG Bun Sgoil, particularly because the traffic through the tunnel can be so busy.
 44. River should be the catchment.
 45. As I will end up with one child at Gowanbank and another at Berkeley Street. There must be an opt out option for parents where the child will have to move school or have the situation where they could be at different schools.
 46. I would have preferred Cartvale or Berkeley street, so if the option of Cartvale is not going ahead, would like to remain in the catchment for Berkeley Street. I am in {redacted}, so whatever catchment would allow children to remain at Berkeley Street.
 47. Catchments are appropriate for that campus option.

Q3. Glasgow City Council propose to draw down the numbers in SGG Bun Sgoil to the sustainable intake level of ~60 at P1 from August 2018 intake onwards. This is primarily to allow for expansion of the Ard Sgoil to accommodate the greater numbers coming through GME into the Ard Sgoil in 4-7 years' time. Preparatory work has already begun on the Berkeley Street campus to accommodate the expanding Ard Sgoil. Much of this draw-down in numbers will be accommodated in the new GME provision, covering mainly the South West of the city (and currently within SGG catchment). In the longer term (5-7+ years), it is likely that SGG will become an Ard Sgoil only campus to accommodate the numbers coming through GME Bun Sgoiltean across the city. The exact timing is difficult to forecast as it depends whether Bun Sgoil demand continues to increase over the next few years (meaning additional space requirements earlier than anticipated) or remains relatively stable at current numbers. What are your views on SGG becoming an Ard Sgoil only campus?

Answer Options

1. Agree that Berkeley St Campus becomes Ard Sgoil only in the future
2. Disagree that Berkeley St Campus becomes Ard Sgoil only in the future
3. Alternative views (please specific in Comments)



Option	%	No
Agree that Berkeley St Campus becomes Ard Sgoil only in the future	53.91%	62
Disagree that Berkeley St Campus becomes Ard Sgoil only in the future	13.04%	15
Alternative views	33.04%	38

Comments

1. I agree that Berkeley st campus becomes Ard Sgoil only in the future i.e. After an appropriate provision of bun Sgoil through Glasgow, as per previous comments above
2. We should be looking to create similar campuses elsewhere. The current site at Berkeley st works well and creates a continuous learning experience for pupils
3. With the extra schools this is the only option. However, it is unfair to expect existing pupils to transfer elsewhere before they finish primary. One of the reasons I chose the SGG was because of the smooth transition from nursery through to secondary. Now this will not be the case and it will just be the same as other schools.
4. I do agree going forward that it should be a secondary school. However to limit parent and young child distress at young primary children being separated at 2 different schools, I would prefer consideration given to a full primary move. If it has already been given consideration then please inform on the reasons why it's not being discussed.
5. Current Ard Sgoil provision not going to be enough in near future, and more sports facilities required at moment.
6. If Ard Sgoil becomes a high school only then this is only viable if another primary school is opened in the north of the city.
7. I think this is a natural progression but would prefer to see the Bun Sgoil relocated as close to its current location as possible (i.e. Maryhill, NK).
8. This is a crazy idea: - the premise of having new schools is to make GME more accessible not to reduce it. - Berkeley St campus has a huge area into which it can be expanded. Surely the questions should be: - how Berkeley St is expanded to incorporate better facilities for school and local community that could potentially make money (new AstroTurf pitch and sports halls)? - whether a new high school is needed south of the Clyde in the near future?

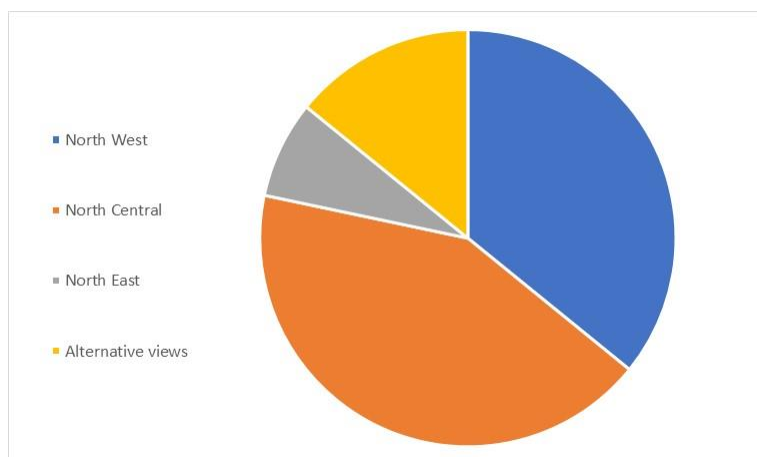
9. Build a primary school on the red ash pitch, removing the play park if necessary. To keep one single campus.
10. I have mixed feelings about Berkeley Street Campus becoming Ard Sgoil only, as I am aware the building's original purpose was for a secondary school only. However, one of the main reasons for sending our children to this school, and into GME, was for the benefits of having the nursery, primary and secondary all within the same campus. Particularly with learning a second language, and with our daughter only enrolling into Sgoil Araich in January this year (unlike some of her peers who have had 2 years at Gaelic nursery), it has made, we feel, the transition into Primary 1, a lot easier. I like the strong sense of community the campus has, and I think this is important for GME, and a reason why the school is so successful.
11. There are going to be huge limitations on the Berkeley st campus regardless of expansion as space is so limited. Might be better to have a 5-10 year plan to build a new ard sgoil on a site that can handle expanding numbers, and perhaps in the interim reduce SGG bun sgoil numbers but not as drastically?
12. I think this would be a sad and regrettable mistake. This is the only GME sgoil anywhere from 3-18. Don't lose that. Other arrangements can be made. Are children from outside Glasgow still attending? This should be stopped if places are limited. As before the increase and demand for GME is finite.
13. It does make sense to have an excellent Ard Sgoil that has great transport connections and has the room to expand and improve its facilities, provided that access to this school was completely Glasgow City Council wide for all children moving from primary GME to secondary GME. If Cartvale was utilised, it is quite a good compromise location for primary for those that found SGG quite easy to get to for primary.
14. Makes sense, but ties into question 4 and again a proper plan needs to be laid out. Happy to be pointed towards this plan (and be shamed for not being more engaged!) if I've missed it. The current success of the secondary school won't continue if the primary school is over-run without the right number of high quality and experienced staff in place.
15. Berkeley Street an ideal central site, easily accessible by public transport. We need an Ard sgoil only campus without doubt. Berkeley street is the obvious answer but personally I feel a purpose built campus to accommodate all the feeder schools would be a better option in the long term. If demand continues to grow, it will also outgrow Berkeley Street. Thinking longer term a newly built campus would surely be a better option.
16. None
17. I think for it to become stand alone ard sgoil then bun sgoil facilities are needed north of the city to accommodate ALL north of the city. Potentially sgoil araich and bun sgoil in both the north west and north east.
18. It won't allow me to tick the first option (Berkeley st is only secondary) and write a comment! I think this seems a good option if the building is fit for purpose. My ideal option would be a city centre secondary campus as this would be most accessible to most areas bit I recognise this is highly unlikely so Berkley st is my second best option.
19. Agree with Berkeley Street being Ard Sgoil but think it is vital work starts now on options for other primary sites north of river. And that parents should be heavily involved in options appraisal with Council.
20. I would prefer Berkeley Street remain a 3-18 campus as this makes it a very attractive proposition. However, I understand that it may be necessary for it to become Ard Sgoil only in the future in order to meet demand.
21. Happy for SGG to become ard-sgoil only - probably inevitable to accommodate high school in future, but wonder whether by using both Gowanbank and Cartvale this will be necessary as soon as anticipated - might be possible to reduce SGG primary more gradually via this option. Also query whether all primary pupils entering GME at Glendale / third Gaelic school will move on to SGG ard-sgoil - parents won't have same connection to school as at present (not having attended primary there) and may prefer for children to go to local secondary, to reduce transport time. Although of course we want to encourage them to carry on and have space to do so.
22. Really sensible idea.
23. This would only be viable if a new primary facility was made available in the north of the city.
24. In addition to the Gaelic aspect we will lose what makes us distinct from other schools (we are a 3-18 establishment). I feel it is very important that our nursery and Primary pupils can see how Gaelic benefits those pupils older than them, particularly when many come from non-Gaelic speaking families. The SGG campus IS our community and that ethos/feeling may be lost is it becomes a secondary only.
25. Like I said before I don't think people north of the river should have to cross to go to the school. With that in mind I'm happy for Berkley St to become an Ardsgoil but ONLY after suitable locations/buildings are found NORTH of the Clyde
26. One of the main attractions to the school was the 3-18 facilities and now this will be gone

27. I know it comes down to budgets my suggestion would be to have Berkeley St as Primary school and build a new secondary school as this would be the best long term solution secondary schools require more facilities and support and children mature to travel further to school out with the city
28. I agree that Berkeley Street should become Ard Sgoil but not that the numbers should be capped until after the primary provision is much clearer.
29. Again a long term 10-15 year vision must be created for GME in Glasgow. Then an action plan to change Berkeley st to ard school only. A north west primary in a sustainable location is therefore required - as will a southside/east ren school. Council should also consider development and relations with sister council such as East Dunbartonshire GME - I live 1 mile from Meadowburn primary GME unit but fall out of catchment - therefore go to SSG 6 miles away.
30. The numbers coming through the primaries means that the secondary provision at Berkeley St will need to be significantly greater than at present. This would probably work better if there was no primary on the same campus.
31. The school works well because of the successful transition from primary to secondary, remove that and you reduce the benefits for children, parents and teachers
32. DEFINITELY.
33. A new secondary school should be built that is fit for purpose.

Q4. A natural conclusion from Q3 above is that future Bun Sgoil intake in the North of the city, at some point, will require a new Bun Sgoil provision for the current catchment of SGG in the North. We are seeking views on your preferred siting and type of provision to feed into any planning for future GME provision. Which area(s) of the North of the city should any new GME provision be situated in?

Answer Options

1. North West
2. North Central
3. North East
4. Alternative views (For example, you may prefer to have more than one provision spread across the North of the city to accommodate families more locally. Please specify in Comments)



Option	%	No
North West	35.85	38
North Central	42.45	45
North East	7.55	8
Alternative views	14.15	15

9 non-responders

Comments

1. I have no preference as I really hope my son is not expected to move before he finishes primary. He had a hard time settling into school and I feel this would be detrimental to his wellbeing at school.
2. The most obvious next step is to create provision in the North West, as this is where the majority of demand currently exists. The concept raised at the Gowanbank consultation meeting, of a 'flagship' new-build project in Duke Street, needs to be robustly challenged. Building a new school in an area of the city without guaranteed of demand, without planning for growth in enrolment, would be an unacceptable repeat of the mistakes made at BGGD. Provision in the East End should clearly be developed, but with a careful plan that considers the factors influencing demand.
3. City centre
4. The most obvious next step is to create provision in the North West, as this is where the majority of demand currently exists. I've mentioned some options for locations in a previous box (e.g. Yoker, Maryhill). The idea, mentioned at the Gowanbank consultation meeting, of a large architectural project in Duke Street, as a next step, should be challenged. Building an attractive new school in an area of the city without a history of demand, without planning for growth is enrolment, would be a staggering repeat of the BGGD mistakes. Provision in the East End should be developed in the longer term, but with a careful plan that takes account of the dynamics of stimulating demand.
5. It wouldn't affect us being on the south side of the city, so prefer not to comment.
6. No comment
7. Difficult to comment without seeing maps with boundaries
8. It would be better to have more than one, e.g. North West and North East to reduce journey times for small children and help to forge closer school communities. It is hard to form close communities when families are spread across such large geographical areas.
9. Maryhill North Kelvinside
10. Without knowing exactly where the demand for the school will come from it is difficult to answer but the priorities should be; - to make the school accessible to local communities who want it. - reduce potential for traffic problems in the area where the school might be located. - as much as possible not to compromise on what has been a success story of a school but grow GME at a sustainable rate with a long term vision.
11. See comment at Question 2
12. Preferably, and selfishly on our behalf, somewhere close to Berkeley Street, or West End. As noted above, the location, and through Campus, was a large factor in deciding to send our children to SGG. As working parents, it's a fantastic opportunity for us to have one drop off point in the morning, when our

daughter is at school, and our youngest starts at nursery. As we both work in the city centre, and live in the west end, the current location is ideal for school drop off and pick up.

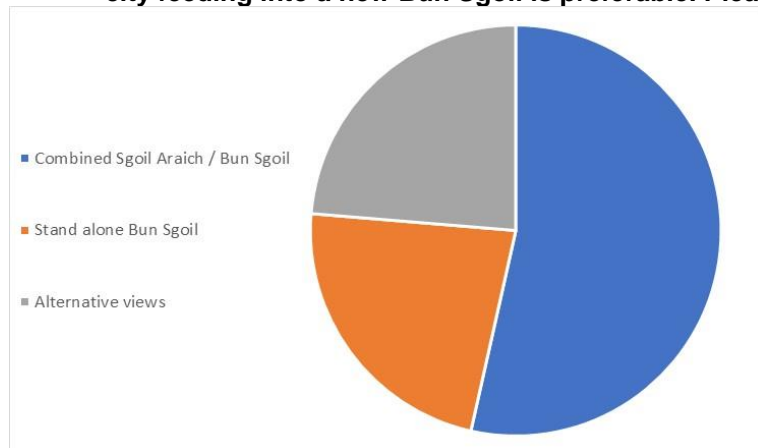
13. More than one Bun Sgoil/Sgoil Araich across the north to reduce travel times for the youngest pupils.
14. North west makes sense as there is a significant demand for the Gaelic unit at Rowena and the students would naturally transfer to a school in the north west.
15. Two local schools one in North West and one in the north east
16. All about timing and long term planning here. If a 2018 option in the north west becomes apparent, clearly that would go a very long way toward alleviating the pressure at SGG. However, in a situation where a new purpose built ard sgoil is on the horizon, north central or north east would go a long way toward encouraging growth and diversification of intake.
17. Would need provision of figures to assess. Any option would have a huge impact on parents and children.
18. I do feel that many parents accept that bus journeys are required but fast transport routes are important too. North central may well allow for good transport links from around the city. The danger with North West or North East is that we repeat the challenges of sites such as Gowanbank in the South West and create new much longer transport journeys to remote sites. Many parents rely on public transport to attend after school events, after school club pick-ups etc and it is realistic to assume that routes into the city will be protected. Routes to more remote sites will drop back in frequency in evenings. If sites were really viable with very local GME uptake alone that would be fine but as families in GME we do live all around the city and easy access to sites is paramount to keep building school community.
19. Will go with the majority.
20. None
21. In order for Berkeley St to become Ard Sgoil only, there will have to be suitable provision in the North West and North East as well as South West and South East
22. I think a facility north west of city and north east of the city would help as this would allow both areas of the north access to GME with less travel.
23. If Berkeley street has to be a secondary school then the North South, East and West should all have a Gaelic primary to move onto Berkley Street.
24. I don't know this area of Glasgow well so I don't feel I can comment on this.
25. Probably a north west and north central option. Would like parents directly involved in exploring options with Council.
26. The catchment area in the north of the city is so big that with the likely increase in demand, a site in the North West and a site in the North East would probably be optimal. The North West has a high concentration of pupils at the moment, so perhaps that should come first.
27. As above, Cartvale could take some from immediate North, with new provision then catering for further afield.
28. Multiple Bun Sgoil in central, north and east, in places with need and good public transport links. These need to have Sgoil Araich too if possible.
29. I personally favour smaller schools with more localised catchments in general.
30. It all depends where they put this school!!
31. A location close to the current high school would be ideal.
32. Any new GME provision should be located near the current SGG. This is to avoid disruptions for children (and their parents/carers) who will have started at the current SGG and would need to move to the new school at some stage.
33. A bun sgoil in the north east would be great for us in Dennistoun
34. I live near Rowena Nursery so to me it would make sense to have one near-ish to the gaelic nursery there BUT I'm not so selfish as to insist that that should be the only option. A well situated school with diverse transport options (near train stations, frequent bus services) should be the preferred goal. Multiple sites might work, but how do you propose to staff them? A centrally pooled group of Gaelic teachers would be better able to provide cover in the event of short term teacher shortage
35. Maryhill is ideal as central and easy to access both on school transport and public transport and would ensure all areas catered for
36. The nature of any city is that people live on the outskirts and commute into the centre for work or shopping or social events. So the transport links work well in that direction. Therefore a gathered school should be placed centrally rather than on the outskirts. If it were to be NW those in the East would have to get past the city centre to access and vice versa.
37. North/east Dunbartonshire and south/east Renfrewshire cross partnerships should be developed. Make Glasgow a forerunner for GME provision.
38. I feel the high school should be within close proximity to the primary school if possible to allow for a natural progression and transition. It also again allows staff to share practice and support each other in what is already a very challenging profession.
39. Bridgeton

40. Not sure
41. It would be preferable for the Sgoil to be close to public transport and inner city.
42. Leave as is
43. Current intake strongly suggests the majority of parents from North West favour GME so why not go with that existing bias instead of perhaps fruitlessly exploring new areas.
44. Should be situated where demand is greatest

Q5. Following on from Q4, what type of provision would you like to see in the North of the city, if indeed a new provision was proposed to replace SGG Bun Sgoil?

Answer Options

1. **Combined Sgoil Araich / Bun Sgoil**
2. **Stand alone Bun Sgoil**
3. **Alternative views (For example, you might think several Sgoil Araich across the North of the city feeding into a new Bun Sgoil is preferable. Please specify in Comments)**



Option	%	No.
Combined Sgoil Araich / Bun Sgoil	53.51	61
Stand alone Bun Sgoil	22.81	26
Alternative views	23.68	27

1 non-responder

Comments

1. We would not be affected being on the south side of the city.
2. No comment
3. I don't see the point of benefit of breaking up/ separating the different levels of GME
4. Both a combined Sgoil Araich/Bun Sgoil(helps with transition)and several other Sgoil Araich
5. If numbers / demand suit a stand alone Bun Sgoil them that is preferable but otherwise 2 x Bun Sgoil to accommodate larger intake. In that case my preference would be for a Bun Sgoil in the West or Centre of the city.
6. As it should be at all schools where possible.
7. Combined nursery and primary seems important to me to maintain as much of that community feel that is evident at Berkeley Street.
8. Stand alone Bun Sgoil, with several Sgoiltean Araich feeding into it.
9. Coming at this from an educational background, there is a great deal to commend integrating sgoil araich and bun sgoil provision.
10. Hard to say but as a full time working parent with no Grandparents to support I am unable and was unable to use Sgoil Araich. Consideration to extended hours nursery for future. Discriminates against working parents.
11. None
12. Gaelic nursery provision needs to expand so any buildings being renovated for Gaelic schooling should have a nursery attached.
13. Whatever is the best option to sustain demand.
14. I think it's important that nursery provision is as local as it can be so more of them (standalone or combined with English medium classes like Rowena). Good to have primaries quite close to nurseries but same site not essential and likely to be only 1 or 2 schools and more nurseries.
15. This is better for transitions and building a school community.
16. The provision for Sgoil Araich is limited not only by geography but also be the hours of care available which excludes a lot of families by not providing full day cover.
17. A combined bun sgoil and sgoil araich to start with and should there be further demand another sgoil araich would be good. It all depends on demand.
18. Given the growth, combined bunsgoil/ardsgoil seems to me to be the way to go
19. I have chosen bun sgoil with the assumption the SGG has the capacity as a stand alone ard sgoil to accommodate intake from all 3 bun sgoil locations.
20. It would be great if there could be Sgoil ariach in the southside sgoil as well.
21. Several more local Sgoil Araich to feed into a Bun Sgoil
22. Primary and Secondary should be separated.