

Midlothian Denominational Review – Informal Consultation Meetings 27th-29th August 2019



6.30-6.45 pm

Sandra Banks
Education Resource
Manager

Introduction(s) Officers, Head Teachers.
Context and history – Learning Estate Review, timeline and process.
Why review? - Strengthen the provision & future of RC Education within Midlothian.
Drivers: RC Pupil rolls as % of roll, whole community approach, challenges of recruitment & staffing, small schools, resources and future budget challenges.

6.45-7.00 pm

Bill Stephen
Education Support
Officer

Attendee Discussion Question:
RC provision in Midlothian – what should it look like?

Why attend a denominational school?
Would your choice of school change if the denominational school were in another location?

7.00-7.20 pm

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Potential Models of delivery
Some models have been suggested as part of the initial discussions on the learning estate review.

Group Activity: Consider 4 example models
What are the benefits of these models?
What are the disadvantages of these models?

7.20-7.30 pm

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What Happens Next?

Statutory Consultation timeline
Aug 2019 – Implementation Aug 2021
How to contribute further.
Q & A

Current Pupil Rolls of Denominational Schools

School	Capacity	Roll as at 20/06/2019	Occupancy	Roman Catholic	% of roll RC
St David's RC PS (Dalkeith)	210	194	92%	70	36%
St Luke's RC PS (Mayfield)	210	198	94%	94	47%
St Andrew's RC PS (Gorebridge)	175	166	95%	60	36%
St Matthew's RC PS (Rosewell)	75	49	65%	17	35%
St Mary's RC PS (Bonnyrigg)	210	147	70%	71	48%
St Margaret's RC PS (Loanhead)	100	51	51%	27	53%
Sacred Heart RC PS (Penicuik)	125	126	101%	52	41%
Total Primary	1,105	931	84%	391	42%
St David's RC HS	880	651	74%		

Discussion Models

Discussion Model 1

The Status Quo

- Current provision of 7 Primary Schools and one Secondary School

Projected Roll Data

School	Roll June 2019	Projected rolls	
		2029	2039
St David's RC PS (Dalkeith)	194	171	185
St Luke's RC PS (Mayfield)	198	195	226
St Andrew's RC PS (Gorebridge)	166	200	226
St Matthew's RC PS (Rosewell)	49	51	68
St Mary's RC PS (Bonnyrigg)	147	168	197
St Margaret's RC PS (Loanhead)	51	65	82
Sacred Heart RC PS (Penicuik)	126	151	163
	931	1,001	1,147
St David's RC HS (Midlothian & Musselburgh only)	651	743	778

Discussion Model 2

One Secondary School and Three Primary Schools

This model would realign the 7 primary schools with the realignment of the RC Church Parishes, creating three primary schools.

- **Retain St David's High School** in its current location with pupils attending from Midlothian and East Lothian
- **St David's and St Luke's would combine** to form the school for St David's Parish based in Dalkeith or Mayfield/Easthouses
- **St Mary's St Andrew's and St. Mathews would** combine to form the school for St Matthew's Parish and be based in the new St Mary's school building
- **Sacred Heart and St Margaret's would combine** to form the school for St Margaret's parish based in the Sacred Heart School building

Catchment areas for each of the three denominational primary schools would be redrawn so as to optimize the distribution of pupils and minimize distances for pupils from home to school.

Discussion Model 3

One Secondary School and four Primary Schools

This model would:

- **Retain St David's High School** in its current location with pupils attending from Midlothian and East Lothian
- **St David's Primary school would be retained** on its existing site in Dalkeith
- **St Andrew's and St Luke's would merge** and be based in Gorebridge at the St Andrew's Primary School site
- **St Margaret's and St Mary's would merge** and be based in the new St Mary's school building in Bonnyrigg
- **Sacred Heart would be retained** in Penicuik and **St Matthews would be retained** in Rosewell under current shared headship arrangements with Sacred Heart

Catchment areas for each of the four denominational primary schools would be redrawn so as to optimize the distribution of pupils and minimize distances for pupils from home to school.

Discussion Model 4

One all through school plus three primary schools in another location

This Model would:

- **Retain St David's High School** in its current location with pupils attending from Midlothian and East Lothian
- **St David's and St Luke's would merge** into one primary school and be located on St David's High School campus
- **St Andrew's would be retained** in Gorebridge
- **St Margaret's, St Mary's and St Matthews would merge into one primary school** and be based in the new St Mary's school building in Bonnyrigg
- **Sacred Heart would be retained** in Penicuik

Discussion Model 5

One Secondary School and four primary schools based around the current geographic learning community areas

This model would:

- **Retain St David's High school** in its current location with pupils attending from Midlothian and East Lothian
- **St David's Primary School and St Luke's would merge** and be based on the current St David's Primary School campus (Dalkeith/St David's Learning Community)
- **St Andrew's would be retained** (Newbattle Learning Community)
- **St Margaret's, St Matthew's and St Mary's would merge** and be based in the new St Mary's school building in Bonnyrigg (Lasswade Learning Community)
- **Sacred Heart would be retained in Penicuik** (Penicuik/Beeslack Learning Community)

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Discussion Model 6

One shared campus with secondary & primary school plus two primary schools in other locations

This model would:

- **Retain St David's High School** in its current location with pupils attending from Midlothian and East Lothian
- **3 denominational primary schools (St David's, St Andrew's and St Luke's) would merge into one primary school** and be located on St David's High School campus
- **3 denominational primary schools (St Matthew's, St Margaret's, St Mary's) would merge into one primary school** and be located in the new St Mary's school building in Bonnyrigg
- **Sacred Heart would be retained in Penicuik**

Catchment areas for each of the three denominational primary schools would be redrawn so as to optimize the distribution of pupils and minimize distances for pupils from home to school.

Discussion Model 7

One all through school plus one primary school in another location

This model would:

- **Retain St David's High School** in its current location with pupils attending from Midlothian and East Lothian
- **3 denominational primary schools (St David's, St Andrew's and St Luke's) would merge** into one primary school and be located on St David's High School campus
- **4 primary schools (St Matthew's St Margaret's, St Mary's and Sacred Heart) would merge into one primary school** and be located in the new St Mary's school building in Bonnyrigg

Catchment areas for each of the denominational primary schools would be redrawn so as to optimize the distribution of pupils and minimize distances for pupils from home to school.

Discussion Model 8

All Through Model – one all through school

This model would:

- **Retain St David's High School** in its current location with pupils attending from Midlothian and East Lothian
- **Merge the 7 denominational primary schools** into one primary school and be located on St David's High School campus.