

A summary of comments gathered, and concerns raised during public engagement meetings.

Feedback was provided directly at meetings,

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22 October 2024	Community - Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If decision is made that school will reopen, what about equipment that has been removed? • What about the computer? • What happens if decide to reopen? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mothballing can take a long time and main item is Pagoda. Agreed with Parent Council and parents moving to Rothiemay – looking to move to Rothiemay for children moved to Rothiemay. If school reopens, that would be returned. • Anything perishable, has been cleared/removed – amplifier has gone to Keith Grammar on an asset register and if school reopens, will be returned. • Nothing removed unless agreed. Andy visited CPS 4 weeks ago and check on wind/watertight. • Computers – due to conditions/temperature – older buildings do get damp and cold, on an asset register, some to Rothiemay, some at HQ and also will be returned if needed. • Tablets would be returned where required.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Council has paid a lot of money over the years for that equipment too. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rothiemay and remaining in school. Pagoda moved to RPS – other schools did not want further items.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much would it cost to reopen the school? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over £200,000 over next 5 years to meet B condition/suitability standard
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What sort of impact is the new housing estate on Keith Primary/size 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeing falling birth rate in Moray, no issues with school rolls (any) – a number of schools operating below capacity
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest that smaller schools don't gain anything by having a Parent Council – small number of children in schools who have siblings, older sibling at Grammar – not as much interest or funds go to Parent Council. Cash Book – last 16 years – raised over £35,000 and used for opportunities, experiences, travel? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of parents in Crossroads catchment (out with this consultation) chose to send their children to Keith Primary School • All consultations taken into account • No plans to close Rothiemay Primary School – was due to SG census and roll that class number/teachers reduced

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rothiemay census brought up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The decision to adjust class numbers aligns with national and local authority guidelines following Census Day set nationally each September. This data is used every year to ensure equity across Moray schools by allocating staffing according to pupil rolls. • Rothiemay is one of several schools impacted by the latest census figures, resulting in these adjustments.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone box removed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned it was removed acknowledged and noted but not the Council who did this (BT)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern around toilet block/dampness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowest setting of heating – no damp noticed, will keep an eye, janitor goes in once a fortnight (KGS) to check the school and checks for this to see there is no evidence of damp
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If school does close, what is the process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No presumption of closure – a number of options put forward at public meetings last year too • Opportunities for asset transfer etc covered last year
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would the council be better moving things in playground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local schools and play team have been approached and did not want – will review taking e.g. Goalposts into the building • All usable equipment taken away by Rothiemay – concern that if we start disposing of things, then concerns raised (as with if they remain where they are) at this stage

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation – meeting last year, similar meeting and no minutes • Engagement session • Concern that parents left e-mail addresses at last session – sometimes mail taking a couple of weeks. An e-mail before other people would have been asked for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obligated to send postal letters to all – all sent on same day from the mail room.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feel annoying that general public are being told before parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed that mail all sent out at same time to everyone
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many pupils in catchment just now that could go to Crossroads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 – school catchment (21 go to Keith) • Majority of those parents choose to go to Keith • School roll effectively 5 – children currently zoned to Rothiemay
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that people allowed to build houses in Grange 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House building – uncertain at change in roll • Parental Choice as to where parents put their children • Majority of parents in Crossroads have and continue to put their children to other schools (mainly Keith Primary School) • Not removing Parental Choice – school roll falling and down to 5 (parental choice)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always the threat of closure – if threat, won't send child deliberately there? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One parent – child was in a class from P1-P7 at CPS previously – not best experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explained that roll had dropped to 5 – same issues around Education Benefits (one parent’s child was in P1-P7 and not a good experience, out doing learning support some pupils 1:1 etc) – same as if school were operating with e.g. 5 pupils as before
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If pupils currently going to Keith Primary just now, do they get transport (from Crossroads)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No transport provided to Keith Primary from Crossroads catchment • Depending on catchment zone, children would be entitled to catchment • Those still going to Rothiemay (who were at Crossroads as mothballed) would still
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big houses for sale – more children coming in? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can’t plan on what might happen – need to look at current situation • Looking at costs and cost savings – 21 children if school rezoned would be entitled to school transport
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 parents fault school is shutting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choosing to put their children to Keith Primary School

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maps – pains that our children – supporting the local school and appreciate it needs mothballed – feel forced to choose different school and people who closed the school (didn't put their children to Crossroads but put to Keith and had to transport) are now going to get free transport. Chose to put children previously to Keith – reasons why mothballed and now getting school transport handed on a plate (extra 21 pupils to transport) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent raised concern that in future if rezoning happens parents who send their child(ren) to Keith through parental choice and not being involved with Crossroads have led to closure – parent felt it unfair that they would potentially receive free travel in future to Keith Primary
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will transport pick up at pupil doors – will depend on outcome and transport would review this 	Parental choice – not England, we allow parents to send children to school of choice if there are spaces in the school. Catchment zones and transport provision -
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents understand they are minority – sadness about situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged/noted
23 October 2024	Parents meeting- Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Parents attended the meeting and was abandoned at 7:00pm 	