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To: All Parent/Carers of Crosshouse Primary School and Communication Centre

Dear Parents/Carers

CROSSHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND COMMUNICATION CENTRE PROJECT UPDATE

May I take this opportunity to thank those parents who attended to the meeting on 15 January 2018, I found your comments, ideas and feedback most helpful.

Thanks too, to those of you who contacted me personally with their concerns.

I have listened carefully to all views and concerns and have reviewed the matter carefully, taking this on board. As agreed at the meeting I have looked at the proposals again in light of the comments made. I visited Crosshouse Primary School and the Community Centre and I have concluded that the existing plans represent the best way forward for all concerned. Therefore, the proposed decant of the primary 5, 6 and 7 children will proceed as planned over the February mid-term break. Our main priority is to ensure the children benefit from the best possible educational experience and a decant into newly refurbished classrooms at the Community Centre will help to facilitate this.

Please be assured that we will keep disruption to a minimum and, in response to parental concerns, we will consult with pupils and parents on where the pupils spend their lunch breaks.

The Scottish Government has agreed our request for an exceptional closure of the Primary School and Communication Centre on Friday 9 February 2018, to allow sufficient time to pack up classes and set them up in the community building.

On a related matter, I am delighted to also let you know that, earlier today, Cabinet approved funding for the Communication Centre and Primary School projects.

A total of £6.2 million will be invested. £3.2 million (an increase of £0.7 million) will be spent on the Communication Centre and £3 million on upgrading of the Primary School. This additional funding will mean that all children will benefit from the upgrade.

Plans will now move forward to develop a scope of works on which you, as parents, staff and children will be consulted.

An updated copy of the FAQs and a note of the meeting of 15 January 2018 are available in hard copy from the school and can also be located on the Council's webpage at the following link:
<http://eac.eu/crosshouseprimaryandcommunicationcentre>

I hope that this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Ward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and 'W'.

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