

Education Service

Educational Benefit Statement

Proposed Early Childhood Centre expansion at Mount Carmel Primary School Site

The establishment of an Early Childhood Centre at Mount Carmel Primary School.

The extract below is from section 29 of the full Consultation Paper. Please read the statutory consultation proposal document before you submit your comments.

Educational Benefits

Once again recognising that this particular early years expansion is outside of statutory consultation, it is still of note to recognise some of the most basic educational benefits in this proposal.

Existing capacity for early learning and childcare within the North West Kilmarnock area will not be sufficient to meet the increased demand for places. This is due to several factors; the projected population increase, increased entitlement to 1140 hours of funded early learning and childcare for greater numbers of children aged 0-3 and the extension of entitlement to an additional year of funded early learning and childcare to children who will not be 5 at the start of the school year from August 2023.

Onthank ECC is a large establishment with a capacity of 151 places in total and further expansion on that site would not be possible or advisable in terms of the ability to offer a high quality experience.

An additional Early Childhood Centre on the Mount Carmel site would provide additional capacity and help meet the increased requirement for eligible early learning and childcare places.