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ONTHANK PRIMARY SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL AND GAELIC MEDIUM UNIT ARRANGEMENTS
SITUATION (1)

• Affects main front building of Primary School
• Some rooms used by Onthank Nursery School
• Cracking in ceiling on first floor and elsewhere
SITUATION (2)

- Routine maintenance programme
- Further surface (tap) testing
- First stage deeper testing
- Involvement of consulting engineers in WC 30 July 2012
SITUATION (3)

• What has been found:
  – Extensive Surface Cracking
  – Deeper cracking in ceiling structure in some areas
SITUATION (4)

- Need to do further investigative work
- This work will be invasive
- Therefore need to vacate that building
- Initial pre-testing in WC 20 August 2012
SITUATION (5)

- These problems are confined to this one block of the building.
- Will last for a minimum of 3 months to October break, may last considerably longer
HEALTH AND SAFETY VIEW

• Corporate Health and Safety
• Building Standards
• HSE
• In Summary:
  – Need to vacate this building
  – Control access to building (hard hat area)
  – No known wider issues
QUESTIONS ON SITUATION AND HEALTH AND SAFETY
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CONSEQUENCES

• Principles:
  – Keep as many children together as possible
  – Conserve P1 to P7 continuity
  – Conserve access to “whole school” facilities
  – Conserve family and community links
  – Care Inspectorate registration
CONSEQUENCES

• Move P5, P6 and P7 to other classes
• Move 20 + 20 Nursery School places to Crosshouse Nursery School
• Move Gaelic Medium Primary Classes to Mount Carmel PS
• Move Bilingual Support out of School
• Rearrange some internal accommodation eg staff rooms and IT
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• No Impact on:
  – Gaelic Nursery Class
  – Onthank Primary Nursery Class
  – PEACE
  – Evening Users
Start Back date 20 August 2012
P5, P6 and P7 classrooms emptied
Arrangements made for Gaelic resources to move to Mount Carmel PS
Crosshouse Nursery prepared
Additional temporary toilets provided
Storage for displaced equipment and materials
Gaelic transport contracts adjusted.
Nursery bus contract tendered
Supervision on Nursery bus being arranged
Pick-up/Drop off point identified and checked
Necessary risk assessments carried out
ORGANISATION (3)

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- Allocation of places
  - Meet priority needs & wraparound care
  - Siblings
  - Ballot
  - Allocation to Crosshouse nursery school

- Transport arrangements
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60 places am and 60 places pm

Stage 1 allocation
• Allocate places/split sessions to children in priority bands 1 and 2
• Allocate places/split sessions to children in wrap around care

Stage 2 allocation
• Allocate places/split sessions to children who have siblings in Onthank primary school and Mount Carmel primary school

Total of 95 children
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Stage 3 allocation
- Allocate the places remaining at Onthank nursery school

Morning session
- 1 x 5 session place
- 8 x 2 split session places
- 8 x 3 split session places
- Ballot 23 pre-school children for 1 x 5 session place
- Allocate 7 x 2 split session and 8 x 3 split session places
- 1 x 2 session place remaining
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Stage 3 allocation
Afternoon session
• 10 x 5 session places
• 5 x 2 split session places
• 3 x 3 split session places
• Ballot 20 pre-school children for 10 x 5 session place
• Ballot 11 ante pre-school children for 5 x 2 split session places and 12 ante pre-school children for 3 x 3 split session places
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Stage 4 allocation – Crosshouse nursery school

20 morning places
22 pre-school children to be allocated a 5 session place
2 volunteers to move to an afternoon session or
ballot to allocate 20 places
2 children to be allocated an afternoon place

20 afternoon places
2 +10 children to be allocated a 5 session place
6 ante pre-school children allocated a 2 split session place
9 ante pre-school children allocated a 3 split session place
1 x 1 split session place remaining
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SUMMARY

• Health and safety top priority
• Problem restricted to one building
• Aim to minimise disruption to the whole school community
• Situation will prevail for a minimum of 3 months
• Further information:
  – Web-site www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk
  – Community Channel 539 (Sky)
  – West Sound