



What we are currently doing in response to other issues

Floodlighting on the all-weather pitch for evening use.

- There are no permanent flood lights shown on plans due to cost. The current arrangement is the local football club will use portable floodlights. Space has been allocated to enable the local football club room to store their temporary flood lights. The runoff space is larger to accommodate equipment. Vibrant Communities to be consulted on whether any grants may be attracted for community use. The pitch will be used by the school during the day and be available for the benefit of the community in the evening and at weekends. Other facilities in the area are already well used.

Could there be a drop off point on the Western Road side as an alternative?

- The school is all contained within a fence line and a new drop-off area to the site would not necessarily improve safety. Discussions will continue to find an acceptable solution.

This is co-location even if this is denied. The children should share the entrances to the school.

Galston - 15 classrooms for 318 = 21.4. St Sophia's - 5 classrooms for 70 = 14.

Is this is fair and equitable?

- It is a co-location as advised at the meeting and NOT a merger therefore each school retains its own identity and entrances. Galston PS has 18 education spaces and St Sophia's has 5 education spaces - both in line with Scottish Government guidance on primary school capacity.

The gym on the Galston side is shared (with all) but the St Sophia's gym will only be for St Sophia's and maybe Galston Nursery (and this sounded confused). This doesn't seem fair or consistent.

- St Sophia's PS will not have a 'kitted out' gym. The assembly space located in St Sophia's PS is a shared space. There will be an extended gym/dining space in Galston PS which is a shared space. The Early Childhood Centre will also have access to these shared spaces.

Classrooms 5 and one next to it need to be blue for Galston Primary and St Sophia's Assembly hall needs to be green (shared facility) – see floor plan.

- The colours identify the spaces which have been allocated to St Sophia's to match the school population this would not prevent the classes from being shared. Classroom 5 is the supplementary room for St Sophia's PS.

Think it is a missed opportunity to have separate staff rooms. What signals might this send?

- A design where the staff room is close to teaching classes makes sense rather than a combined remote staffroom, this also facilitates good supervision of the playground. There will be numerous opportunities for collaborative working amongst staff, which has already begun with the respective Head Teachers.

Plans look good. Is there an open area for infants? (Structured activities/play)

- There is an open area for the infants which is screened off.

The assembly space for the new St Sophia's build should be for St Sophia's Primary with shared time for the Nursery as Galston assembly hall has no time allocated for Nursery.

- All large volume spaces will be shared.

New plans looked impressive, however I feel there are still issues regarding mixing schools at playtime re bullying etc.

- Having shared use of the playground will encourage greater collaboration between the schools. Both Head Teachers are aware of these concerns and will ensure there is adequate supervision at break times.