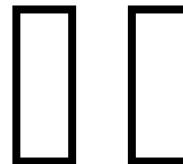


26 January 2012

Police Office in Strathblane



Strathblane Primary School

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Headteacher: Sandra Logan

Dear Parents,

The Police and Education have been exploring the possibility of whether there are opportunities to share premises with other public service providers and thereby reduce costs. Blanefield has been identified and there is an opportunity for the Police to take up space within the Primary School that is not being utilised and if this proves suitable then, subject to public consultation, the police and education would be keen to make progress on this.

The police 'presence' will allow direct access from outside via a door that is away from that used by staff and pupils to ensure a level of separation; presently only members of the public seeking assistance attend at Blanefield Police Station, any prisoners that Constable David McNally or his colleagues do arrest are removed directly to Stirling without visiting the present or any future police station in Blanefield.

This is part of an overall Forth Valley approach to better service delivery across the public sector, as well as trying to use resources more efficiently. This approach is also happening across Falkirk & Clacks Council areas and although we have long running joint working across the public sector eg at the Peak and Buchlyvie School with Health and at Larbert and Bannockburn with Police, this is the first proposal in the Stirling Area since the Council has signed up to the Forth Valley Property Asset Strategy.

Whilst financial savings are an important driver in this it is important that it is not seen as the sole reason. Having police officers associated with schools has been positively received in other communities and the location of the Primary School is nearer to the heart of public services so, I would hope, more readily available for members of the community. As any Police Office presence at the school would be more of an information point, as it is at present, we would be installing a direct line to the exterior wall so that members of the public could make direct contact with police when David was either out patrolling or off duty.

Assuming the Community are supportive, it would be the intention to try and implement this as early as possible i.e. for start of the new financial year.

I am keen to consult with parents and would like to invite parents to please contact the school with any comments or queries. This proposal will also be discussed at the Community Council meeting on Monday 6th Feb at 7.30p.m. in the school. Alan Hutton will be chairing the meeting; also in attendance will be Kevin Findlater, Chief Inspector, Central Scotland Police and Lesley Malkin, Strategic Asset Manager, Stirling Council.

It would be helpful to have your responses by Monday 6th February 2012.

Yoursincerely,

SandraLogan



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