



Trinity Primary School Parent Council Newsletter

September 2009

Support the Alternative Proposal to Trinity/Fort merger

The Council's proposal to close Fort and move all children to Trinity continues.

This week a deputation of three of the Parent Council members attended the City Chambers, along with Fighting for Fort members, to put forward a case against the proposed closure.

Fort put forward an alternative proposal, which would allow Fort to remain open, and Trinity to continue without any changes.

What is Fort's alternative proposal?

- Fort Primary School would not close but remain and reduce its capacity by only using main building space
- No Fort children would be offered places at Trinity
- Victoria Park Child and Family Centre would relocate to create the new Fort Early Years Centre in Fort's Infant Wing

Trinity Parent Council supports Fort's alternative proposal because:

- The education for the children at Trinity and Fort would not be harmed.
- There would be no overcrowded classes at Trinity or Fort
- Trinity would not lose the science room and IT suite, or suffer smaller support for learning and library facilities
- Fort school would be saved as an important part of the local community, and would preserve its Positive Action Area status
- The Council would still receive capital receipts from the sale of the Victoria Park Child and Family Centre and revenue savings. Fort was not proposed to be sold
- There would be additional capacity within the local primary schools to cope with the predicted future increase in pupil population.

What should I do?

The Council has only just received Fort's alternative proposal and it is very important that they consider this carefully. However we believe it is a good option for this area and benefits both local schools and the council.

Please write to the Director of Children and Families, Gillian Tee, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG or email her at -

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Copy in your local Councillors (Forth ward) at City Chambers High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1YJ or email them at - steve.cardownie@edinburgh.gov.uk

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Please also copy in the Councillors for Fort (Leith Ward):

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And the secretary of Trinity Community Council:

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There is an example of the sort of email you can write available on the website via http://bit.ly/trinity_template

PUBLIC MEETING

Despite what seems like a sensible counter-proposal, it's still really important that we continue to fight the current proposal. Please come to the public meeting at Trinity Primary School on Tuesday 29th September at 7 - 9pm, where the Council will be discussing the proposal.

If you would like free childcare or translation facilities during the meeting please contact the Council no later than 15 September on 0131 529 2108

Copies of the alternative proposal are available on the Trinity Parent Council and Fighting for Fort websites at

<http://campaign.trinityparentcouncil.org.uk> and
<http://fightingforfort.wordpress.com>