

On 12/04/2016 18:44, Elaine Aitken wrote:

### **ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE FOR 3,300 PUPILS**

The City of Edinburgh Council has this afternoon (12 April) announced alternative arrangements for 1,750 pupils from four primary schools affected by the closures.

This means a total of 3,300 out of 7,600 pupils now have school arrangements in place.

The primary schools are: Oxfords, St Peter's, Craigroyston and Castlevale.

Pupils from Oxfords and St Peter's will use the [alternative arrangements](#) that were in place before the Easter break and these will start from tomorrow ([Wednesday 13 April](#)).

Craigroyston Primary pupils will be relocated to Craigroyston Community High School on a phased basis. P4 – P7 will have arrangements in place from [Friday \(15 April\)](#). P1 – P3 will return [on Tuesday \(19 April\)](#) as [Monday 18 April](#) is the Spring Public Holiday.

Castlevale Primary pupils will be relocated to Castlemere High School from [Tuesday 19 April](#). Details will be confirmed later this week.

All the arrangements for the four schools have been communicated to parents directly and are on the [Council website](#).

Work is ongoing to identify alternative arrangements for other primary, special and S1 to S3 pupils. The Council anticipates all affected primary and special school pupils to be in alternative schools by [Tuesday \(19 April\)](#) next week as the Monday is a Spring Bank Holiday. This is subject to the Council getting access to the closed schools to move necessary furniture and equipment.

Further updates for S1, S2 and S3 pupils will be available later in the week.

Chief Executive Andrew Kerr said: "We have now put in place alternative arrangements for 3,300 pupils, including as a priority all senior pupils in S4, S5 and S6 sitting exams in the near future, which has been a huge logistical exercise. Work is continuing to identify alternative options for other primary, special and S1 to S3 pupils which we will communicate to parents as soon as we have further information.

"I fully recognise the significant inconvenience to parents caused by these closures and I want to thank them for their patience as we continue to work through this issue."

A programme of structural surveys arranged by the Edinburgh Schools Partnership is continuing this week.

The Council will update parents directly, via text message, the [Council website](#) ([www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolclosures)) and via the Council Twitter @Edinburgh\_CC as soon as information becomes available.

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On 12/04/2016 13:00, Elaine Aitken wrote:

Contingency plans for the 2,000 pupils preparing for exams from the five high schools affected by the closures have been finalised today.

S4, S5 and S6 pupils from Drummond, Firrhill and Royal High will be returning to their own schools [tomorrow morning \(13 April\)](#) from [9.30am](#).

The Drummond, Firrhill and Royal High pupils are returning to their own schools as these schools only had partial refurbishments as part of the PPP1 project.

S4, S5 and S6 pupils from Gracemount will be going to Liberton High School from tomorrow. S4, S5 and S6 pupils from Craigmount will be going to Tynecastle High School from [Thursday \(14 April\)](#). Pupils will be taught by their own teachers from their own schools, to ensure continuity ahead of their exams.

[Specific times and arrangements](#) for the senior phase pupils are available on the Council website and text updates have been sent to parents to alert them to the arrangements. Further updates for S1, S2 and S3 pupils will be available later in the week.

Work is ongoing to identify alternative arrangements for primary and special school pupils and it is planned they will be in alternative schools by [Tuesday \(19 April\)](#) next week as the Monday is a Spring Bank Holiday. This is subject to the Council getting access to the closed schools to move necessary furniture and equipment.

A further briefing will follow later today

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