

On 15/04/2016 17:05, Elaine Aitken wrote:

All 7,600 pupils affected by school closures now have alternative education plans put in place for next week.

Arrangements made today (Friday 15 April) include 390 pupils from Firrhill High School using Edinburgh Napier University's Craiglockhart campus and 16 temporary classrooms from across the UK being installed at The Royal High School. Arrangements have also been made for 740 nursery pupils affected bringing the overall total to 8,340 children.

From Tuesday 19 April:

- Firrhill High School - S1 and S2 pupils will be relocated to Edinburgh Napier University Craiglockhart campus.
- Gracemount High School - S1-S3 pupils will be relocated to Wester Hailes Education Centre.
- The Royal High School - over the weekend 16 temporary classrooms will be installed in the grounds for S1 and S2 pupils.

From Wednesday (20 April):

- Craigmount S1 pupils will be based in Forrester High School/St Augustine's High School Campus, S2 pupils will be in the Darroch Centre (currently known as James Gillespie's Annexe) and S3 pupils will be at Broughton High School. The pupils will be taught in their own class groups and by their own teachers.

Parents will be contacted by text messages and the arrangements are also being promoted by social media. The information is also available on the [Council website](#).

Logistics and support

It has been a huge logistical exercise to identify alternative arrangements and this has involved the use of over 70 buses for pupils, 61 alternative schools (including nurseries and early years centres), relocation of 655 teachers and 30 organisations throughout the city have offered assistance.

Today, [Edinburgh Leisure announced](#) that it will be providing a free swim to children (and accompanying adult) at nine of their pools across the city on Monday 18 April, which is the Spring Public Holiday.

The integration of pupils into alternative schools is going well.

Buildings Update

Surveys are continuing to take place over the weekend and in to next week. Further information will be shared when available. A number of questions have been asked about the sign-off process for the PPP1 buildings during the construction process. The process was as follows:

The structural designs of the PPP1 schools were self-certified by Edinburgh Schools Partnership's agent under the relevant building regulations in place at the time.

Once construction was complete, their agent also self-certified to the Council, as they were entitled to do, that the buildings complied with the relevant Building Standards. In order to do this, they would have to have been satisfied that each school was complete, in accordance with Building Standards, and that the Building Warrant conditions had been met.

The Council did carry out reasonable inspections to ensure that the buildings appeared to satisfy the terms of the Building Warrant. However, the regulatory system acknowledges that local authorities cannot reasonably monitor each and every aspect of all construction work being carried out. As such, reliance was placed upon suitably qualified individuals and the council would not have been responsible for the quality of work done or for supervising builders

Regards,
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