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Alford Primary School catchment area	Parent/Carer	No	No	Option 2	Option 1	Alford is oversubscribed and surely more children going to Keig will keep it open in the long term.	
Alford Primary School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	No	Option 2	Both		I don't agree with closing tullynessle school as Alford primary is already a nightmare for school drop off and pick up and really don't want it to get worse. The car park area is ridiculous already and with more cars it will be much worse and more incidents could happen due to more cars and pupils. Would be easier and safer for tullynessle to stay open.
Tullynessle School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	Yes	Option 2	Option 1	Because Alford Primary school lacks capacity for new pupils whilst Keig Primary still has capacity	We support this as the school had been struggling for years
Tullynessle School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	No	None of the above	Both	Because there should not have been a closure of tullynessle school in the first place.	I think it is awful. My children are due to go next year and have missed out on using the nursery for the last two years meaning we had to use a different nursery. This has put a lot of stress on us as parents and my children on new surroundings. The other schools in the area are bursting at the seams and should never have had to been if the council didn't do this "procedure" so quickly they would have found that more parents would have used the school this year for their children. What Aberdeenshire council have budgeted for within the schooling section has been atrocious and should not be the bottom of the barrel when it comes to our children and their futures!!
Tullynessle School catchment area	Pupil		No	None of the above	Both		
Tullynessle School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	No preference	Option 1	Option 2	Alford is closer than Keig	
Keig School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	No	Option 1	Option 2	Keig is too full! The council has set the composite limit at 25 pupils purely for financial reasons and it is not in the best interests of any children to have 25 pupils across 4 year groups in one tiny classroom. The school has never been this size and is not a big enough building to cope with it. The children and teachers feel they are crammed into small classrooms and have had to divide lunch into two groups to fit everyone in which doesn't work well for multiple reasons. And the council seems to have no plan for when the number goes over 50. Alford is bursting at the seams too but at least those who've chosen Keig had hoped for the benefits of a small school and now that is disappearing. The composite class limit must take into account how many year groups are in the class ie 25 for a 2 year class but 18 for a 4 year split etc and definitely smaller than 25 for a class with P1's. It is especially problematic for any ND children and is not getting better. The council needs to make decisions in the best interest of children and the future of our community instead of just financial reasons after poor management of funds.	The nursery was the best childcare setting in the area, it has been the most ridiculous council decision to shut it down and many families and children are now at a disadvantage. If Alford had not accepted everyone then Tullynessle school numbers would have remained healthier. Giant schools don't work well for most children, they are not the answer.
Tullynessle School catchment area	Community Council Member	No	No	Option 2	Option 1	Alford Primary is already at capacity	It will take the heart out of Tullynessle as a Community. Goes view that The Scottish Government is committed to protecting our rural schools, and supporting their role in preserving, supporting and developing rural communities.
Alford Primary School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	No	Option 2	Both	keep village school open!	Alford Primary is already well subscribed too, it is a shame that the council have decided to close another village school, drawing the lifeblood out of our rural communities. Without these facilities rural areas will become a retirement home and play ground for the well off, rather Tham sustainable viable communities. Shame on you!
Tullynessle School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	No preference	Option 2	Option 1	Too many pupils in Alford, would prefer my child attend Keig as a smaller school.	Seems sensible considering the number of pupils and cost to upkeep the school
Alford Primary School catchment area	Staff Member	Yes	No	Option 2	Option 1		
Alford Primary School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	No	Option 2	Option 1	Alford is too big already - classes getting split across 3 classes for one year group is not good socially and is a disgrace that this happens - having 5 pupils in one year group and then 20 from another is incredibly unfair on those 5 pupils but the HT only cares if it fits numbers - absolutely no regard for children's wellbeing but that seems to be the council all over.	The nursery should NEVER have been closed. That should be a standalone nursery there. The enrichment it gave, the opportunities the children got far exceeds what can be provided at Alford and also Pre-school. Tullynessle Nursery was head and shoulders above the other offerings. The problem with the low numbers at the school was due to a bad Head Teacher I'm afraid. She actively encouraged a child who was at the nursery not to come to the school despite being in the catchment due to additional needs that she clearly couldn't be bothered to put effort into. Shame on her. She was the sole reason that school closed. She should have been reprimanded for it but instead given a new job. Disgraceful.
Don't know	Community Member	No	Yes	No preference	No		Council is in a financial position that the only sensible option is to close Tullynessle School.
Tullynessle School catchment area	Community Member	No	Yes	Option 2	Option 1	Montgarrie Road does not need a traffic increase, there is no roadside provision for pedestrians and it is not safe for walking to school.	I am ambivalent about the closure, if the council can save money closing it, it should. Provision for an active travel route for children to get to school would be welcome.
Don't know	Community Member	Yes	No	Option 2	Both	Pupils will miss too much schooling in winter due to bad road conditions/ cancellation of school transport.	I do not support this. It is not in the best interests of the children
Keig School catchment area	Pupil		No preference	Option 2	Option 1	Alford is already oversubscribed. If keig receives appropriate funding they are better suited to deal with more pupils and the merge of two small schools makes more sense	
Alford Primary School catchment area	Community Member	No	Yes	No preference	No	Na	Na
Tough	Parent/Carer	Yes	No	None of the above	Option 1	Alford is already busy with more and more families looking for their children to attend smaller local schools. Ideally Tullynessle school would be clone and extension of Keig school and nursery reopened	The nursery is greatly needed by all the surrounding communities as together with Towie it is the only other 9 to 3 nursery in the whole of Marr area
Tullynessle School catchment area	Community Member	No	No	None of the above	Both		
Alford Primary School catchment area	Parent/Carer	No	No	Option 2	Option 1	Alford is already close to capacity and people within the village should not be expected to put their kids to other schools if the tullynessle kids have already taken spaces in alford primary	
Towie	Parent/Carer	No	No	No preference	Option 1	Alford schools are already near capacity as it is.	I understand that small schools cost more per pupil than the bigger town schools but in closing them you are helping to erode rural communities. People won't know their neighbours and have anywhere to facilitate those relationships without small local schools. Changing the goal posts on numbers of pupils that must be enrolled to suit the budget agenda is nonsense. Having a rural school is the heart of that community and the people making these decisions to close these schools need to understand that they are changing the whole future landscape of the rural community in Aberdeenshire, not just saving some money in the short term.
Tullynessle School catchment area	Parent/Carer	No	No	Option 2	Option 1	Alford primary is too big. Helps keep Keig open if numbers stay at that school instead of going to Alford. kids get better education at smaller schools, especially ones with additional needs so it's crucial to keep smaller schools open,	It needs to stay open for the above reason. With the additional needs schools and resources being cut to where there is next to no money, it's vital smaller schools fill this void. The Council already expect this to happen but if you close these schools where do these kids go for their education with the bigger schools full or close to capacity. The kids are suffering because people at the top want to keep their jobs rather than put kids needs and community needs first. It's an absolute disgrace.
Alford Primary School catchment area	Community Member	No	No	None of the above	Both	Rural schools should be supported more by the council. They are often overlooked compared to purposes built settings. Aberdeenshire council should ascertain whether it was feasible to run breakfast and afterschool within the rural schools, Im pretty sure that if you this was an option a lot of parents would move from the larger school Alford to a smaller school that offers a more nurturing inclusive environment which utilizes and embraces the local environment and aspects that come within a rural settlement. The council could use the nursery managers that are responsible for run the nursery to oversee the running of breakfast and after school. They hat payed almost as much as a head teacher but don't have the same job discription or responsibilities.	Although it is an older bit has great features and facilities. These should be maximized and used Not all children cope in big school settings. And if you ask teachers I'm sure they would prefer to have more room, facilities and a better learning environment for the children to learn in.
Tullynessle School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	No	None of the above	Both		
Huntly	Community Member	Yes	Yes	Option 1	Option 2	Rather have larger school supported by bigger budgets. No finance for maintaining smaller council school buildings.	School is too small for the cost of staffing and maintenance for the building.
Alford Primary School catchment area	Parent/Carer	No	No	None of the above	Both	Alford is too big and does not offer a like for like educational experience. Keig is a similar experience however, by merging with them, this will cause their numbers to rise and take away from the rural feel	I feel this is an oversight by those in office looking at data, rather than individuals and learning experiences offered. Additionally, what will happen to those in the early years part of the school? It would be a disgrace to let the school plot be overlooked and knocked down
Alford Primary School catchment area	Grandparent	Yes	No	Option 2	Option 1	Tullynessle school is a rural school for rural children. Alford primary is not, it is too large capacity as it is and the rural children from the tullynessle catchment area could potentially find it difficult to adjust to such large numbers of children, which will impact on their education.	Tullynessle school should bot be considered for permanent closure, as in all rural areas, the intake numbers fluctuate all the time, with that being said in what could be the near future the projected numbers could increase making it viable to have the school open. Also with this in mind it will make Alorf and Keig primary's too large to give all the children the correct education they all deserve.
Alford Primary School catchment area	Parent/Carer	No	No	Option 2	Option 1	Alford primary is already too full for the pupils it caters for. They do not have enough classrooms for the current pupil numbers and have had to reassign the general purpose space as a classroom.	It's very sad if there are not the numbers to sustain Tullynessle, but perhaps merging the smaller schools ensures the survival of at least one.
Alford Primary School catchment area	Community Member	No	No	No preference	No		Even though Tullynessle did not have enough school children it had a thriving nursery which was essential for the area. Aberdeenshire countless could have extended this further making it a profitable business.
Huntly area	Aberdeenshire Council worker	No	No	No preference	Both	The local school is the heart of any community and the school should remain open	I believe the school must remain open for the good of the local community
Keig School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	No	Option 1	Option 2	Too many kids.	
Tullynessle School catchment area	Community Member	No	No	Option 2	Option 1	Alford primary was newly built in 2015, however, it wasn't long before the capacity was under pressure with classes full and some even taking place in corridors. This does not provide a suitable environment for learning and development. Therefore, I do not think it would be beneficial to further stretch the catchment area for Alford to include that of Tullynessle, as the Alford school is already under stress despite being a new building.	I do not agree with the proposed closure of Tullynessle school. The school has always had a key place within the community. It has offered vast and meaningful educations to a large number of pupils, whether this be in the spacious classroom or in the excellent outdoor learning facilities, the combination of these create positive learning environments for all individuals. The nursery at Tullynessle was recently renovated, with a large amount of money being used for this. It is an absolute waste of resources to close the school and nursery when so much time and money has been spent renovating this to suit all kinds of children. It was upsetting to see the decision to mothball the school, and is even more upsetting to see these more recent proposals to discontinue education at Tullynessle school which for so long has been such an important part of the community.
Stonehaven	Community Member	No	Yes	Option 2	No		These are difficult times and small schools cannot be sustained. Nor are small schools best for the social progress of children.
Aberdeen	Someone who cares about communities	No	No	None of the above	Both	The school shouldn't close. It's a community	Don't close it
Westhill	Community Member	No	No	None of the above	Both	The school should not be closed. Removing a school destroys community.	Please don't do this.

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Alford Primary School catchment area	Community Member	No	No	None of the above	Both	Alford Primary School is at maximum capacity and maybe it would have been better to keep Tullynessle School and Nursery open. It could have at least been kept open as a Nursery provision, which had excellent facilities and the numbers on roll were at capacity. It is short sighted thinking the birth rate is dropping! People move, houses get built and rural communities expand.	It is always budgets, budgets, budgets that have the final say and money can never make up for the loss of community, the sadness of a school that has a long history and was a kay part of the community. It would have made more sense to get parents to put their children there in stead of them driving straight past to take them to Alford Primary which is already at capacity! The education of children in a smaller class size is always of benefit. Huge classes have children who go under the radar and whose needs do get fully met.
Tullynessle School catchment area	Community Member	No	No	Option 2	Option 1	Alford Primary school is already full.	my children attended Tullynessle school and I would be sad to lose a big part of your local community. More families have moved into the area too.
Alford Primary School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	No	None of the above	Both	Merge with Alford - people who live in Tullynessle should be given the option to put their children to a smaller more rural school. For a lot of families this could be a big part of choosing to live somewhere like Tullynessle. Alford primary is a very different school and environment to Tullynessle or some of the other smaller rural schools and is not the right fit for some Children! Merge with Keig - in theory this makes sense with Keig being a smaller rural school however, is there even capacity at Keig for all of these children? The school is almost full. If tullynessle catchment is merged with Alford, will the families who live in the tullynessle catchment be given space at Keig if Keig school is still their preferred option for their children, given how full the school is?	The better option would be to keep tullynessle school open as the junior school, with Keig being the senior school. This would also mean that Tullynessle Nursery could re-open which is so desperately needed! Although this is a while away, we already have concerns that our youngest will not get a place at Keig, being out of catchment, especially if tullynessle does close and is merged with the Keig catchment.
Tullynessle School catchment area	Community Member	Yes	Yes	Option 1	No	Bigger school offers much better options for children	Completely agree with closure
Tullynessle School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	Yes	Option 1	No	I wouldn't want to put my children to such a small school and would enrol them for a bigger school anyway. I don't think they would get a good quality education experience at such a small school	I don't think such a small school would provide a well rounded education for my children. I also agree that while the inconvience of having to take my child to another Nuraery was annoying initially, we have gotten used to that now
Keig School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	Yes	Option 2	Option 1	People living in rural areas want the small school experience for their children. Having the catchment joined with Keig means that we have one good sized school which is more beneficial for the children than two very small schools	I think it is better in the long term to have a bigger sized school and it would provide a better experience for all the children
Alford Primary School catchment area	Staff Member	No	Yes	No preference	No		Makes sense to have a more sustainable model for Keig by incorporating the catchment of Tullynessle school too
Alford Primary School catchment area	Community Member	No	Yes	No preference	No		Costs too much to keep so many wee schools open - everyone is having to tighten their budgets and the council are suggesting these options to make best value of the limited budgets they have. Surely it's better for the kids to have more people to play with too
Keig School catchment area	Community Member	No	Yes	Option 2	No		It would make Keig a bigger and better school for the children of Keig and Tullynessle
Keig School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	Yes	Option 2	Option 1	Because I want my child to go to a small school and Alford is too big	Its a good idea to give the kids at Keig and Tullynessle more friends
Keig School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	Yes	Option 2	No		It was not going to work having only 8 pupils and it wouldn't be a good place for the children having so little other people there. If it is merged with Keig then it means it's one bigger school rather than 2 very little schools so would be more likely to stay open.
Tullynessle School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	Yes	Option 2	Option 1	My child enjoys a small school and Alford would be too big	I agree moving to Keig was a much better option as my child now has friends at their new school
Inverurie	Staff Member	No	No preference	Option 2	No		
Aberdeenshire	Staff Member	No	No	Option 2	No		
Alford Primary School catchment area	Staff Member	No	No preference	Option 2	No		
Alford Primary School catchment area	Staff Member	No	No	Option 2	Option 1	I believe that Alford is a fantastic school, but that it is already stretched with its current zone, without adding any extra area . Keig is a rural school and will provide a similar setting to that which is being lost at Tullynessle	Whilst I appreciate that the council has tough financial decisions to make, there is a presumption against the closure of rural schools. This is the law. The mothballing policy is able to circumvent this law, thereby enabling a closure via the backdoor. It is a method that had been adopted by Aberdeenshire Council multiple times in recent years, having a profoundly negative impact on the children, families and communities that it claims to support.
Aberdeenshire	Staff Member	No	No	Option 2	Option 1		
Tough Catchment area but children went and should be at Tullynessle nursery	Parent/Carer	Yes	No	None of the above	Both	The impact already experienced by families affected by the mothballing of Tullynessle School — as well as by the staff and children in the receiving schools — has been far more significant than anticipated. It is clear that the emotional, logistical, and educational consequences of this decision have not been fully appreciated in the current proposals. Neither of the Council's proposed options represents a good or fair alternative for the children within the Tullynessle catchment area. Keig School is currently operating at or near capacity, and therefore cannot absorb further pupils without compromising space and resources. Alford School, while a valuable facility, is not a rural school, and does not offer the same environment or community-based educational experience that families in this area expect and value. The rural setting and community spirit that schools like Tullynessle and Keig provide are vital to the wellbeing and development of the children they serve. Relocating pupils to larger, non-rural schools erodes this experience and further alienates rural families.	Following the consultation held on 29th September and after listening to the concerns raised, particularly around the impact of mothballing Tullynessle School, I must express that I do not support any of the proposed merger options currently offered by the Council. However, I do support the suggestion put forward by parents that incorporating Tullynessle into Keig School could be a viable and constructive alternative. I also note that the current school roll figure for Keig cited in the consultation document is inaccurate. As of now, there are 49 children attending Keig, and the school has very limited capacity to accommodate further increases in pupil numbers, especially in light of any future development or population growth in the area. As someone directly affected by the closure of Tullynessle — now needing to travel a significant distance to ensure my granddaughter receives a comparable standard of nursery (ELC) provision to what was offered at Tullynessle — I fully understand and share the sense of frustration and discontent this situation has caused in the community. Therefore, I urge the Council to seriously reconsider Option 6 — a merger of Tullynessle and Keig that reinstates the ELC setting at Tullynessle and continues to deliver primary education across both locations. This would provide a more equitable distribution of pupils, maintain capacity for future growth, and support local families far more effectively than the current proposals.
Tullynessle School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	No	None of the above	Both	5 years ago Alford Primary was at Capacity. Right now Keig is at 49 pupils, however we lost 7 who would be at the school this year had they not left last year. Taking numbers to 56.	Please consider merging Tullynessle and Keig as a nursery and Primary 1,2,3 at Tullynessle School and P4/5 and P6/7 at Keig.
Alford Primary School catchment area	Staff Member	No	No	Option 2	Option 1	Limited space at Alford Primary	
Tullynessle School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	Yes	Option 1	No		There aren't enough children for it to be a good rich experience for them. Not enough choice of friendship groups
Alford Primary School catchment area	Community Member	Yes	Yes	No preference	No		Doesn't make financial sense to keep small schools open with so few people attending
Tullynessle School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	Yes	Option 2	Option 1	It is too big and there is no space there	I live in the catchment but chose not to put my children to Tullynessle for personal reasons
Alford Primary School catchment area	Community Member	No	Yes	No preference	No		We can't keep paying money to keep tiny schools open for such a few amount of kids.
Alford Primary School catchment area	Community Member	Yes	Yes	No preference	No		It seems that a lot of the people who are zoned for Tullynessle have chosen not to send their kids to that school which says quite a lot. People don't want that tiny school experience for their children anymore so we need to have better ways of making their school days better in a bigger school
Tullynessle School catchment area	Community Member	No	No	Option 2	Option 1		
Tullynessle School catchment area	Community Member	No	No	Option 2	Option 1	Why would anyone choose to enrol their children in a school which is already overcrowded, where children are taught in corridors and squashed in like sardines!	I am opposed to the closure of Tullynessle School. I do not understand why the process is happening so quickly. No consideration has been given to houses for sale in the school zone, houses being built, etc. Lots of people only cared about the nursery, the best chance the nursery has is if lots of children apply to attend the school! If the school is being forced to close, how much money have the council wasted on renovating the nursery!
Tullynessle School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	No	Option 2	Option 1	We live in a rural area and would prefer our children go to a rural school and not a larger primary like Alford.	Really disappointing for us as a family due to both impact that it has had on our child having to move school and we have a toddler who would of went to the nursery and then to the school at Tullynessle. Additional concerns regarding the capacity at Keig and if Alford catchment is chosen would our younger child be provided transport to Keig for school as this was said to be the case for younger siblings of children who had to move to Keig?
Tullynessle School catchment area	Parent/Carer	No	No	Option 2	Both	Keep the school open, split the classes between Tullynessle and Keig, 1 to 4 in one, 5 to 7 in the other. Or at the very least keep it open as a nursery.	Keep the school open, split the classes between Tullynessle and Keig, 1 to 4 in one, 5 to 7 in the other. Or at the very least keep it open as a nursery. My 2 kids went to Tullynessle, it was the heart of the community serving much more of a purpose than just a school.
Tullynessle School catchment area	Parent/Carer	No	No	None of the above	No	I don't think the school should be closed	I have heard that keig school will be full so an option would be to have Tullynessle as nursery and p1-2/3 and keig for p2/3-7. This would be a great solution to allow the nursery and school to remain open
Keig School catchment area	Parent/Carer	Yes	No	None of the above	Both	Because I believe another option is best for kids and families.	I believe the best option for families, children and the Keig School staff is to have Tullynessle Nursery re-open and merge Tullynessle School with Keig using the two buildings.
Keig School catchment area	Community Council Member	Yes	No	None of the above	Both	I think there is a solution that is more beneficial for the Parents, children, School Staff and the wider Community.	I believe the best Option would be to merge Tullynessle and Keig Schools as per Option 8 in Table 2 on page 13 of the Tullynessle School Options Appraisal (which is the same as Option 4 in Paragraph 6.2 on page 10 of the Tullynessle School Closure Proposal document)
Keig School catchment area	Community Member	Yes	No	None of the above	Both	It would have been great to continue with Option 2 as it has been for the last 12+months as it feels the families and children belong. This has created a great sense of community but Keig School is bursting at the seams in terms of space for children and storage. And is noticeably causing concerns.	The most ideal option would be to reopen Tullynessle school (and Nursery) and have Keig and Tullynessle work together as one school in two buildings. This keeps the community together (perhaps even expands it) and allows Keig School significant breathing space.

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Keig School catchment area	Community Member	No	No	Option 1	Option 2	Keig is at its capacity at the moment with children coming from far and wide. Surely this should have been decided or at least discussion with the schools and wider community before actually closing the school.	Think this is ridiculous as we are in need of Nurseries for the children in our area and Tullynessle Nursery has always been well attended and most of the children would then go to the school. Why spend all the money that was spent on out door learning facilities just to close the school. Council wasting our money once again. This sudden closure was not discussed with the appropriate members of the community. Feel the Education department has let the next generation of children down with their learning.
Tullynessle School catchment area	Community Member	No	No	None of the above	No		I think the option of a 2 centre school for Tullynessle and Keig should be seriously considered.
Tullynessle School catchment area	Community Member	No	No	None of the above	Option 1	Firstly, the School is in the Parish of TULLYNESSLE AND FORBES . Please check this geographical boundary. Why not use this parish boundary as the Scool catchment area ? School transport is now available in this Parish to convey children to Keig, TRANSPORT which wasn't available when the school was open. How absurd!	Tullynessle and Forbes is a Rural parish with the School at its heart. Our children and grandchildren have all attended this School. The local meeting place for families and extended members of families. As oldies now, it was a very welcoming place for us to meet and greet new families who have moved into the area and meet in with older residents and have the Nursery children come to the door with Christmas cards or hand bill for events. This wasn't all one way as the pupils were gaining and feeling the wonderful feeling and knowledge of BELONGING . This is exactly the reason why so many former pupils still hold get togethers and in this age of technology have for example Face Book pages. Don't let something so beneficial and special be lost.
Keig School catchment area	Community Member	No	No	None of the above	Both	Both Alford and Keig are nearly at capacity.	Tullynessle school closure has already had a big impact on the community. The closure of the adjoining nursery is a huge miss pushing locals to travel to Echt and Towie. In winter months these roads are dangerous. My children went to Keig. It was a fantastic rural school, the main attraction being its size. Now it's nearly at capacity putting local families at risk of not getting in or pushing out other families not from Keig but who'd prefer their children to go to a smaller school. In my opinion this decision is a huge mistake all round.
Tullynessle School catchment area	Community Member	No	No	Option 2	Option 1	If Tullynessle Primary School merged with Alford Primary you have the problem of less nursery places. There would not be the capacity at Alford for an additional nursery class to compensate for the nursery places which were at Tullynessle if they merged with Alford.	The nursery at Tullynessle was a thriving nursery and if the school is closed this will mean less spaces for nursery aged children in the area. Many of these children will not have the option of attending the school. However if Tullynessle School merged with Keig the nursery could remain open. In addition Keig school would have further capacity for primary aged children in the Keig, Montgarrie and Tullynessle area as one of the classes could be located in Tullynessle.
As a staff member I live outwith all these areas but work within Keig School	Staff Member	No	Yes	Option 2	No		I believe that to keep the rural schools sustainable that with forecasted numbers the best educational outcomes for our learners would involve the children in one bigger school that retains a rural identity such as having the Tullynessle catchment with Keig, as many of our current learners were out of zone and within Montgarrie area.
Keig School catchment area	Parent/Carer	No	No preference	Option 2	No		I think there is a shortage of options for early years learning / nurserys / preschools in the area. Kids need to be able to connect with their carers, develop close friendships / relationships and feel safe and connected. Once/ if Tullynessle school does close as a primary school, I think that every effort should be made to bring it back to the thriving nursery it once was - be that council or privately or charity run. Under 5s are at such a delicate stage of development that they deserve every opportunity to experience a setting that is convenient for the parents and contributes to their growth and wellbeing positively.