Appendix F

Statutory consultation regarding closure of Tullynessle School
Pupil Engagement

Tullynessle School has been temporarily closed since August 2024. The Council is proposing to permanently close Tullynessle School and merge it with your school. This means that you may have slightly more children attending your school and your class. One of the things we have to do when we are thinking about closing a school, is to talk to all of the children who will be affected by this change to find out what they think about it. We have already asked all the parents/careers what they think, but this is your chance to tell us about it.

Feedback from Pupil Focus Group:

1. **What do you think might be some advantages of a larger school?**
   More friends/people to include you in stuff
   New teacher/friends every year
   More resources
   Bigger chances – library/swimming/PE halls
   Won't be scared to go to Academy because you are used to a big school
   More people to do Metaskills with and teachers to work with
   Your friends grow up with you and go to Academy
   Bigger learning options – eg Digital Leaders/Pupil Leadership Team/Buddies/Playground Leaders
   Bigger playground to play in
   Access to other people to support
   Having people to support you if you have support needs/feeling angry/sad/
   Outdoor Learning

2. **What do you think might be some disadvantages of a larger school?**
   Less chance o get into things because there are more people
   Have to take turns for things like the climbing frame
   Less space because there are more people
   Getting overwhelmed by the amount of people in the space

3. **What do you think might be some advantages of a smaller school?**
   Don't feel claustrophobic
   Play on everything without having to take turns
   More help from teacher
   More chances to do stuff because not so many people
   It would be less noisy
   More space for stuff and in the dinner hall
   Teacher can give you more attention so you can really try
   Resources/equipment might be better
   Exciting to get new pupils to join

4. **What do you think might be some disadvantages of a smaller school?**
   Can't do things like a big show because not enough people for character
   If you were only one in your year group then you would have to do the work yourself.
   Get embarrassed if you got something wrong and might get picked on
   Less chance to make friends
   Not enough people to play games like football
   Dinner ladies won't be so stressed
   You might get work that's too hard for you if the teacher gets mixed up
   It would take the teacher longer to teach everyone because they are all at different bits of learning
   Not access to adults to help outside
   Don't get awards the same as a big school
   People don't live close by so it's hard to play after school

5. **Is there anything that worries you about merging Tullynessle School with your school?**
   Only because we wouldn't know them and they might be rough people
   They might not have the same values of our school

6. **Is there anything that excites you about merging Tullynessle School with your school?**
   We get to meet new people and see what their other school was like
   People that don't have many friends can make lots of new friends here
   We could make more friends and help them to make new friends
   People from smaller school would have lots more teachers to help them
   We would like to teacher them our values and help them
   More people to mix with in dinner hall

7. **Is there anything that you think the Council should consider prior to making the final decision on this proposal?**
   We think they would soon get used to being in a big school and it helps when you go up to academy

   The council should consider turning Tullynessle School building into something else like a library.

   Or the Council could sell it and make some money.