

Closure of Kinneff School Statutory Consultation Pupil Engagement – Bervie School

Kinneff School has not been open to pupils from August 2024. The council are now thinking of permanently closing Kinneff School but they need to know what you think about it too.

(Show the A3 map of the Kinneff School catchment area and surrounding schools)

Every school has a catchment area, we need to think about the catchment area of Kinneff School. If the school is closed, should that area be included in the Bervie School catchment area or the Catterline School catchment area.

1) Number of children who think the Bervie School catchment area: **94**

Reasons why :

Catterline is very small.

We have friends who go to Catterline, they say their school is small and it's a tight squeeze.

Our staff are nice and it's bigger than Catterline.

We have space.

They can make friends with us.

Nice to have new people at school.

New friends.

More people in the school.

The catchment is close to Bervie.

For some areas its closer to Bervie.

Bervie's catchment area looks smaller on the map so it could be made bigger.

It would be nice to have more people in our year (more girls).

We are a bigger school so they'd make more friends and learn more.

We are kind and would make them feel welcome.

There can be more people in our school so we can make new friends.

There's not too many children in that area so it wouldn't make Bervie too crowded.

They'd have fun learning here and making new friends with more people to play with

Bervie School has plenty of room to accommodate more pupils.

Coming to Bervie would prepare children for going to Mackie.

Might put school role up so we can get another DHT.

Might rebalance boy:girl ratio and provide more opportunities for developing new friendships.

More of Catterline's catchment boundary is adjacent to Bervie's.

2) Number of children who think the Catterline School catchment area: **42**

Reasons why:

It'll make Bervie more crowded.

To make Catterline a bigger school.

The map looked like Catterline school was closer.

They can have fun. They will know some of the children.

It is closer to Catterline so they won't need to travel so far.
There are big classes already in Bervie, so would be better to go to Catterline.
Kinneff is a shorter drive to Catterline.
Catterline school would get a chance to be bigger.
There will be too many people the classes at Bervie, rooms will not be big enough.
They already go to it.
There's less children there and it might stop Catterline from being closed too.
Our school has big classes and it might be hard to fit more kids in our classrooms – we would need more chairs and teacher but we don't have enough money.
Our classroom is packed without adding more children and we might not have room.
Catterline is a small school and would benefit from having more pupils going there.
More pupils would reduce the chance of Catterline closing like Kinneff did.
More pupils there would help prepare existing pupils for the transition to Mackie.
The pupils already attend Catterline so best for them not to move again.

3) Number of children who think Kinneff School should not close: **26**

Reasons why?

Kinneff is its own place so it should have a school
They don't need a lot of resources so it can save money being spent on it
The children will be sad.
It's a waste of a building.
They shouldn't have to go to school somewhere they don't live.
If they split people up they might not be with their friends.
They might want to be at a small school for different reasons. Some might be nervous/anxious being in a big school.
Some people may have moved to the area because it had a local school. Now they might move.
It's their school and they'll be sad if it closes.
The children wouldn't have to travel so far.
It can be hard to make new friends in new places.
The children might have to get up earlier to travel which isn't fair. They shouldn't have to adjust to a new school.
They might not want to leave their old school.
It's bad for the environment with more people having to drive to school.
They might be split away from friends in different classes at a new school.
It costs a lot to run a school and it doesn't make sense to do that for so few pupils.
There would hardly be anyone at that school which would make transition to Mackie hard for them.