

Official response from City of Edinburgh council received on 12th Jan 2018 to the statement of concern that was agreed by Drummond Parent Council and released on 9th Jan:

"The detail in your statement will be considered and analysed along with all the other information we gather during the informal consultation process. In order to provide your school community with some reassurance I have summarised below some key points from our discussion yesterday.

The purpose of the informal consultation is to gather as many views as possible about the proposal to move secondary GME from James Gillespie's High School to Drummond High School. The comments received to date during the informal consultation period about the potential longer term implications for pupils living in the current Drummond High School catchment area who are already at the school or will attend in the future are very well made and I can assure you these issues will be given full consideration as part of the informal consultation process.

We have agreed that an engagement event will be held at the school before the end of February and I will confirm the date for this soon. We also agreed that there would not be sufficient time to prepare a statutory consultation paper for the Education, Children and Families Committee in March and it was more important to ensure the informal consultation period continues to ensure appropriate engagement with all the involved school communities.

I can assure you that we will listen to all the views expressed during the informal consultation period and only bring forward a draft statutory consultation paper if we are convinced any final proposals contained within it are the right thing to do based on all the feedback we have received. Any statutory consultation paper would have to include an Education Benefits Statement which would be required to demonstrate there are no detrimental implications for any pupils."