

St Ninians - The Future

Posted by Tom - 23 Mar 2010 14:37

There has been a tremendous amount of interest, discussion, passion and other forms of intrigue with regards to this topic.

Initially there was an on line discussion that I would have hoped assisted visitors to fully understand the issue at stake.

Secondly there was another on line discussion that permitted visitors to discuss possible solutions to the issue.

Both ran their course and were very effective in achieving their objectives.

Then something else happened, a teddy was thrown out of the pram.

Not just an ordinary teddy, a corporate teddy.

As a consequence of several further things, which were shrouded in intregue I took the decision to remove the threads relating to St Ninians.

I have as you would expect now taken legal advice and made enquiries into this matter.

I am now fully satisfied that any person resident in the world can post on this forum and make their views known.

As a consequence this thread is now open and will remain so until the issue of St Ninians is resolved, to the satisfaction of those involved.

The first SLWG is due to meet on 20th April 2010, please feel free to use this thread as a means of communicating the details and any views that you would have on the matter.

I can assure you that free speech will not be curtailed in East Renfrewshire as long as this site is in operation.

Activities were temporarily suspended to permit me to confirm that 'Sabre Rattling' was just that.

Which it is and we will not tolerate it under any circumstances.

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Re:St Ninians - The Future

Posted by Concerned ERC Parent - 23 Mar 2010 15:33

Interesting article on the BBC website on placing requests:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/8582752.stm>

"East Renfrewshire had the most requests for S1 pupils of all the council areas, followed by Glasgow and Aberdeen.

Placing requests have been put in on behalf of 34.3% of S1 pupils in East Renfrewshire, compared to 13.8% nationally."

That is about 2.5x the national. A good argument for capping them.

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Re:St Ninians - The Future

Posted by Lou - 24 Mar 2010 09:10

If the school is oversubscribed at present and likely to be for some time, no one can make a placing request so in effect the school has capped itself?

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Re:St Ninians - The Future

Posted by Concerned ERC Parent - 24 Mar 2010 09:46

When you look at this response that one of the Glasgow parents got you do wonder:

http://www.right4stninians.co.uk/docs/Response_to_FOI_3.pdf

We're told the primaries are full which go onto feed St Ninian's but look at all the placing requests at the feeder primary schools. Then there is St Ninian's itself.

Problem is these have already been granted.

Also in the Herald today:

www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/ri...ool-choice-1.1015516

"The figures also show the local authority whose schools were most popular with families from neighbouring areas was East Renfrewshire, which received 754 placing requests from other council areas. More than 600 of these were from Glasgow."

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Re:St Ninians - The Future

Posted by mrs bear - 24 Mar 2010 10:03

Tom thanks for your hard work and input into keeping this forum running. It gives us a chance as a community to have our say in matters whether those in office like it or not.

As we know the school is full but placing requests were still being accepted up until January from children in Paisley, Barrhead and Glasgow (outwith the catchment area) That's just the ones I know about. I know that Cllr Robertaon has been on previously and stated that legally they have to take placing requests in but only if there are places to be filled. But if the school is full then how can they justify this. This is what I can't get my head around.

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Re:St Ninians - The Future

Posted by Gloria - 24 Mar 2010 10:15

I noted that Cllr Lafferty is quoted as saying that they were interested in 'legal' options. I also know that Cllr Robertson said that they must take placing requests if there are places.

Like you Mrs Bear I am finding it difficult to understand.

Should it not be a priority for the SLWG to state that the school is full and they can legally refuse any placing requests that come in.

Start the whole process of the SLWG with preventing the overcrowding getting any worse.

Then tackle the rest of the matters that require to be addressed.

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