

**Closure of Clatt School
Pupil Engagement – Rhynie School****Appendix G**

Clatt School has been temporarily closed since 2022. The Council is proposing to close Clatt 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/carers what they think, but this is your chance to tell us about it.

1. What do you think might be some advantages of a larger school?

- The opportunity for people to have more friends.
- The opportunity to work with more people.
- Different people can make the school a better place.
- More people can make a difference.

2. What do you think might be some disadvantages of a larger school?

- Aberdeenshire council have to pay more money for food.
- Teachers will have more pupils to help.
- There might be more injuries because it is more crowded.
- There might be bullying.

3. What do you think might be some advantages of a smaller school?

- You get to do more fun stuff altogether.
- Less people and less bullies.
- Teachers would have less people to help so everyone there would get more help.
- You might get more PE time.
- There might be more trips with the whole school.
- We would have more outdoor space.

4. What do you think might be some disadvantages of a smaller school?

- You might have less friends.
- You might have less equipment outside and in the classroom.
- Less community events.
- Less children means there might not be many people to play with.



5. Is there anything that worries you about merging Clatt School with your school?

- It would be more crowded, and the classrooms would be busy.
- I worry some people would be mean.
- What happens if the pupils start fighting with others?

6. Is there anything that excites you about merging Clatt School with your school?

- We would make new friends.
- We would have more playmates.
- We would have more friends.
- We would have more choice for partners.

7. Is there anything that you think the Council should consider before making the final decision on the proposal to close Clatt School and merge with your school?

- What they will do with Clatt School – they could make it a library.
- Would schools get more resources and play equipment for the new pupils?