

Inveravon Primary School Closure Proposal
Parental Feedback (Pre Consultation and Consultation)

Comment/Suggestion	
Pre-consultation (December 2021- March 2022)	
1	<p>Email – Parent (Inveravon Catchment) Whilst it would be lovely for our son to attend school much closer to home than Knockando, I strongly feel that the quality of his social and academic education should come first. Unless the school roll can be reliably and consistently at a level to facilitate age appropriate group learning and play activities then I would not support the reopening of Inveravon Primary. By this, I'm not an expert, but I would be thinking in the order of 25+ pupils. There is so much to be gained in the social interactions and the things that are possible with the increased numbers at the combined provision, but for current skills development and in preparation for high school and beyond. A number of years ago there was suggestion of a new build combined school for Knockando, Inveravon and Glenlivet at a site in Marypark. This would have been excellent. I am very happy with the calibre of teaching and support at Knockando, but modern facilities (and space!) would really benefit all the pupils. Whatever decision is made it must be one that is in the best interests of current and future pupils. I am well aware personally and professionally of the implications in regard to transport etc., but do not find these unresolvable. There are of course wider community benefits that come from having a school facility in a rural community, but these should not overshadow the main function of the building.</p>
2	<p>Survey – Parent (Inveravon Catchment) Children at Knockando their whole school life. Another starting in August. If they went to Inveravon they would be in class by themselves which would be unsettling for the child.</p>
3	<p>Survey – Parent (Inveravon Catchment) Close it, sell it!</p>
4	<p>Survey – Parent (Inveravon Catchment) As a parent of 2 school aged children, I feel Inveravon needs closed completely, ASAP. My children are very happy attending Knockando Primary School and I would not be moving then under any circumstances. It also seems unfair that Knockando Primary cannot have a permanent Heat Teacher until this is resolved.</p>
5	<p>Survey – Parent (Inveravon Catchment) We feel Inveravon Primary should be closed and financial & staff resources should be consolidated to provide a modern equipped resource for the wider area.</p>
6	<p>Survey – Parent (Inveravon Catchment) I think Moray Council needs to fully close Inveravon as it is just wasting money which could be used to improve education elsewhere in the area. There will never be enough children to deem the school fit to be open so it needs to be closed not mothballed.</p>
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<p>8</p>	<p>Email Knockando Parent (Inveravon Catchment) I'm resident in Ballindalloch, only 1 mile away from the school, with a son in Primary 2 at Knockando as zoned school in lieu of Inveravon. I can't make the open meeting on 7 December so thought I would email hoping my views can be recorded for the consultation.</p> <p>Whilst it would be lovely for our son to attend school much closer to home than Knockando, I strongly feel that the quality of the social and academic education should come first. Unless the school roll can be reliably and consistently at a level to facilitate age appropriate group learning and play activities then I would not support the reopening of Inveravon Primary. By this, I'm not an expert, but I would be thinking in the order of 25+ pupils. There is so much to be gained in the social interactions and the things that are possible with the increased numbers at the combined provision, but for current skills development and in preparation for high school and beyond.</p> <p>A number of years ago there was suggestion of a new build combined school for Knockando, Inveravon and Glenlivet at a site in Marypark. This would have been excellent.</p> <p>I am very happy with the calibre of teaching and support at Knockando, but modern facilities (and space!) would really benefit all the pupils.</p> <p>Whatever decision is made it must be one that is in the best interests of current and future pupils.</p> <p>I am well aware personally and professionally of the implications in regard to transport etc., but do not find these unresolvable.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">There are of course wider community benefits that come from having a school facility in a rural community, but these should not overshadow the primary (excuse the pun) function of the building.</p>
	<p>Consultation (August 2022 to 7 October 2022)</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Knockando Parent/Carer (Inveravon Catchment) We are only temporary residents to the area so feel we can't formerly comment. However, having attended Inveravon Primary myself as a child and now seeing my children currently attend Knocked Primary I feel the resources are/can be better used by moving them fully to Knockando. I feel the school at Knockando is very well run (in our experience) and being part of a slightly larger school community with access to better resources is far more beneficial for our children. Families have the option of applying to Aberlour and Glenlivet also which again fields resources/funding to established learning communities.</p> <p>Rural schools are very important but in this case our family feels there are better opportunities at other schools which would be further enhanced if funding was not re-directed into re-opening Inveravon and rather put towards the other "rural" schools still open in the area.</p>

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