

ASHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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3.0 INTRODUCTION

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5.0 DETAIL

- 5.1 Pupils in Ashfield Primary School transferred to Tayvallich Primary School in October 2014.

- 5.2 After consultation with parents it was agreed that as of December 2014 Ashfield children would become permanent pupils of Tayvallich.
- 5.3 The roll in Ashfield primary has declined over the last few years and there have been no pupils in the school since December 2014.
- 5.4 All Community Services staff from Ashfield Primary School have been redeployed to other posts within the authority.
- 5.5 In the event of a school age pupil moving to live within the catchment area for Ashfield Primary School and seeking to attend this school the present situation remains that the school would require to re-open at the next appropriate session.

6.0 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Ashfield Primary School will discontinue as school on a temporary basis at the end of February 2016 and will be retained until June 2017 on a care and maintenance basis.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Policy: None
- 7.2 Financial: None
- 7.3 Legal: Compliance with Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010, if appropriate.
- 7.4 HR: Community Services staff have been transferred to other posts within the Authority.
- 7.5 Equalities: Ensure any recommended policy/guidance is equality checked.
- 7.6 Risk: In the event of a school age pupil moving to live within the catchment area for Ashfield Primary School the school may require to re-open.
- 7.7 Customer Service: None

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