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Dear Parent/Carer,

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SECONDARY SCHOOL REZONING PROPOSAL: To vary the catchment area of Lossiemouth High School.

I am writing to inform you of Moray Council's secondary school rezoning proposal, in particular in relation to Lossiemouth High School. The full document can be viewed on the Moray Council website. Below is a summary of the main points:

THE PROPOSAL

It is proposed to vary the catchment area (zone) of Lossiemouth High School based on geographical area which is delineated on plans contained within the secondary school rezoning proposal document. The implementation date for this proposal will be 24th October 2016.

BACKGROUND

The zone for Lossiemouth High School was established at the start of session 1972/73 when Lossiemouth High School became a senior secondary school. The catchment area drew pupils from Burghead, Hopeman and the Lossiemouth primary schools. The zone was amended in July 1981 in response to accommodation pressures at Lossiemouth High School at the time. The catchment area includes the catchment areas of Burghead, Hopeman, Hythehill and St Gerardine primary schools. Hopeman Primary is mainly zoned to Lossiemouth High School but a small part of this catchment area (18 properties) is zoned to Elgin Academy.

DETAILED PROPOSAL

The catchment area for Lossiemouth High School should **include the whole of the catchment areas of St Gerardine, Hythehill, Hopeman and Burghead Primary Schools**. This would mean the ending of the dual zoning of Burghead to Lossiemouth High School and Elgin Academy as well as all Hopeman primary zoned to Lossiemouth High School.

TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

Children in Primary 7 in any of the affected primary schools will transfer to the existing zoned secondary school in August 2016 however from 24th October 2016 all enrolments will be based on the new proposal.

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

The removal of the dual zoning of Burghead Primary would mean that, in the longer term, the Moray Council would only provide transport, for eligible pupils, to one zoned secondary school for each Associated Schools Group. Transport will continue to be provided for pupils to attend the secondary schools they are attending on 7th October 2016 for the remainder of the pupils' time at that school.

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS STATEMENT

There are many educational benefits of this proposal as outlined in the main document. eg. better transition arrangements; pupils' Additional Support Needs better met; continuity of home-school link workers as well as participation in the excellent enhanced transition programme Lossiemouth High School offers.

The Statutory Consultation Period starts from Tuesday 9th February – Thursday 24th March 2016

All submissions expressing views on the proposals detailed in the main document must be submitted to Moray Council (see full document for ways to respond) **by 5.00pm on 24th March 2016**.

There will also be a formal consultation meeting held in **Lossiemouth High School on 22nd Feb @ 7pm**.

Yours sincerely,

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