

Appendix 3: Clarification Notice

Statement on the Proposal for Enhanced Support in Every Falkirk Primary School

Following the ongoing consultation activity, discussion and feedback, we want to clarify that no decision has been made regarding the model of enhanced support and we would continue to encourage engagement from all relevant stakeholders. We want the final approach to reflect the needs and aspirations of all. At the very core of the proposal, we seek a way to ensure that every Falkirk child receives the right support, in the right place, at the right time, within their own school and community.

We want to provide clarity around some wording in the consultation paper, particularly relating to the suggestion that all children who currently attend an Enhanced Provision would be required to return to their catchment school. We would like to be very clear that no child will be forced to move school. The proposal sets out the ambition that, if every school is equipped with the staff and resource to provide enhanced support, children could be educated in their local school and community. This remains a goal in the proposal that could be achieved through careful transition, planning and collaboration.

The clarification did not materially alter the proposal or its underlying purpose, which remained focused on improving access to the right support, in the right place, at the right time, within local school communities. The clarification was issued to ensure that the written proposal could not be interpreted as requiring mandatory movement of children and to support a clear and shared understanding of the consultation.

Having considered the nature of the issue raised and the action taken, the Council concluded that issuing a public Statement of Clarification was an appropriate and proportionate response.