

New Carrongrange 5–18 ASN Campus

This is an Easy Read version of a consultation paper. **Please refer to the full Proposal Document for complete details of the proposal and how to respond to the consultation.**

What is this document about?

Falkirk Council is asking for people's views about a proposal to build a new school building for children and young people with complex Additional Support Needs (ASN).

The plan is to create one big specialist ASN campus for children and young people aged 5 to 18 at Carrongrange High School in Grangemouth.

What is being proposed?

The Council wants to:

- Build a new primary ASN school beside Carrongrange High School
- Create one all-through ASN school for ages 5–18
- Move pupils from existing ASN units into the new building

Which schools are affected?

The new building would replace the Primary ASN classes that are currently in other schools.

These are:

- Kinnaird Primary School – Thistle Wing and Thistle Wing Annexe
- Maddiston Primary School – Timezone

These units would close once pupils move to the new Carrongrange campus.

When would this happen?

Building work is planned to start in 2027.

The building is expected to be finished in 2028.

Children would start using the new school from January 2029, or as soon as it is ready

Why is this change happening?

The Scottish Government has given Falkirk Council money to build a modern ASN school.

The current ASN buildings are full and are no longer the best places to support pupils with complex needs.

The new campus will have more space, better equipment, and rooms designed for pupils' needs.

What will the new campus be like?

The new ASN campus will include:

- 22 specially designed classrooms
- Quiet rooms and sensory rooms
- Personal care rooms with specialist equipment
- Safe outdoor play and learning spaces
- Large space for eating, physical activity and events
- Modern technology to support communication and learning

Pupils will also be able to use Carrongrange High School facilities like the swimming pool and hydrotherapy pool.

Changes to Carrongrange High School

Carrongrange High School will also be improved.

Temporary classrooms will be replaced with 4 permanent classrooms.

The Green Hub will be made bigger to support more pupils with very complex physical needs.

How will pupils benefit?

Pupils are expected to benefit by:

- Having fewer changes of school as they grow up
- Learning in a building designed for their needs
- Getting better support for health, care and mobility
- Having more chances for communication and independence
- Feeling more settled, safe and secure

Learning and teaching

Learning will be planned specially for each pupil.

Lessons may happen in classrooms, sensory rooms, outdoors, or in the local community.

Technology and communication tools will help pupils take part in learning.

How the school will meet pupils' needs

Pupils may have physical, medical, communication or learning needs.

Staff will work closely with health workers, therapists and families.

Having one school from age 5 to 18 helps staff know pupils well and support them better.

More opportunities for pupils

The new campus will give pupils more chances to:

- Learn life skills
- Take part in outdoor learning
- Join activities and clubs
- Practice skills in the community

Learning environment

The building will be designed to be calm, safe and accessible.

Lighting, sound, space and movement needs will all be carefully planned.

Every part of the day, including breaks and meals, will be seen as learning opportunities.

How this affects other pupils

All pupils moving from the current ASN units will attend Carronrange full time.

This reduces stressful changes and helps pupils build strong relationships.

More pupils across Falkirk may be able to access specialist ASN support in the future.

Benefits for staff

Staff will work together in one large team.

They can share skills, learn from each other and support pupils better.

Purpose-built spaces make teaching and care easier and safer.

Money and buildings

The project costs around £30 million.

This is not about saving money – it is about improving education.

Existing staff and budgets will move to the new campus.

The new building will use energy efficiently to keep running costs low.

Building work and disruption

Building work will be planned to reduce noise and disruption.

The noisiest work will happen during holidays where possible.

Pupils will continue learning safely during the building period.

Sharing your views

The council wants to know what people think about the proposal.

The consultation runs from 27 April 2026 to 12 June 2026.

People can share their views online, by email or by letter.

How can people share their views?

People can share what they think by:

- Completing the online consultation form
- Sending an email to Falkirk Council
- Writing a letter to Education Services
- Attending a public meeting in person or online

Listening to children and young people

Schools will help pupils share their views in ways that suit their age and needs.

This may include class discussions, activities or pupil groups.

What happens after the consultation?

All responses will be reviewed by Falkirk Council who will write a report explaining what was heard.

Education inspectors will also write a report.

Councillors will then decide what happens next.

Final message

This proposal aims to create a safe, supportive and modern school for pupils with additional support needs.

Your views matter and can help shape what happens next.