8th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Response to letter re latest on Penilee Nursery

Further to the letter dated the 26th August regarding an update on the next steps of the decant of Penilee Nursery to Hillington Primary, we wanted to provide you with a summary of the events leading to this point and provide clarity on what this means for the Primary School, pupils and wider community.

On the 8th of December we met with representatives from NRS, Education Department and Councillors Elaine McSporran and Alex Wilson. This meeting was arranged after we lodged two objections on behalf of the Parent/Carer Forum raising our concerns. The meeting was positive and our concerns over the 'loss of classroom and playground space were put to rest', and we were assured the three classrooms would be returned to the school.

As part of this meeting, it was agreed that communication and engagement had been poor, and going forward GCC would keep us informed of progress and provide the drawings for wider consultation with both the Parent Council and wider school community. After regularly chasing we were finally provided with a presentation of the design at meeting on the 19th June, the design is attached. The drawing is dated the 11th October which predates the reassurances provided by the council on the 8th December, that three classrooms were a temporary decant and would be returned to the Hillington Primary Estate.

At this meeting it was agreed that the three options would be shared with the parent council for feedback, and our views would be taken into account when finalising the design. After contacting the council on various occasions to request we were provided the three options for review and feedback, we were told 'following careful consideration of the limited options, the decision has been made to proceed with the proposed plan'.

As currently advised on the GCC Website, Penilee Nursery - Glasgow City Council, "The nursery will move to temporary space in the school building in the short term while work is

carried out to retrofit a permanent area and will remain a standalone nursery with its own headteacher."

The option that the council are progressing with does not uphold the above statement and has reduced the Hillington Primary School resources as follows:

- five classrooms,
- two nurture nooks
- cooking room
- ICT room
- STEM room
- specific room for music and drama
- a large medical room
- large Primary 1 base suiting the play curriculum
- DHTs have lost their rooms close to the children and have been displaced to the upstairs area
- Part of the playground and associated trim trail for P1-4

For avoidance of doubt, 'the retention of the large playroom and associated facilities', is the area at the end of the primary school that used to be the larger P1 classroom, which pupils will now need to cross the playground to access this space. The room lain empty since September last year with no heating. Whilst we welcome the idea that this will become a cooking or STEM room, we were advised in June there was no budget available to develop this space and have reached out to the council on the 27th August to confirm what budget would be available to convert this room into a useable space for the school. We hope the wider school community can work with officers to explore options how it can best support learning and teaching within this area.

We are pending the outcome of Stage 2 complaints with regards to the lack of transparency, failure to consult, no Equality Impact Assessment, and lack of communication.

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Our issue is not with Penilee Nursery, and welcome them to their new home, we look forward to working closely with the staff and children; but with the lack of transparency and the process that has been followed to the detriment of the pupils of Hillington Primary.

We will keep you informed of the progress of our complaint, please keep an eye on X for updates.

Yours faithfully

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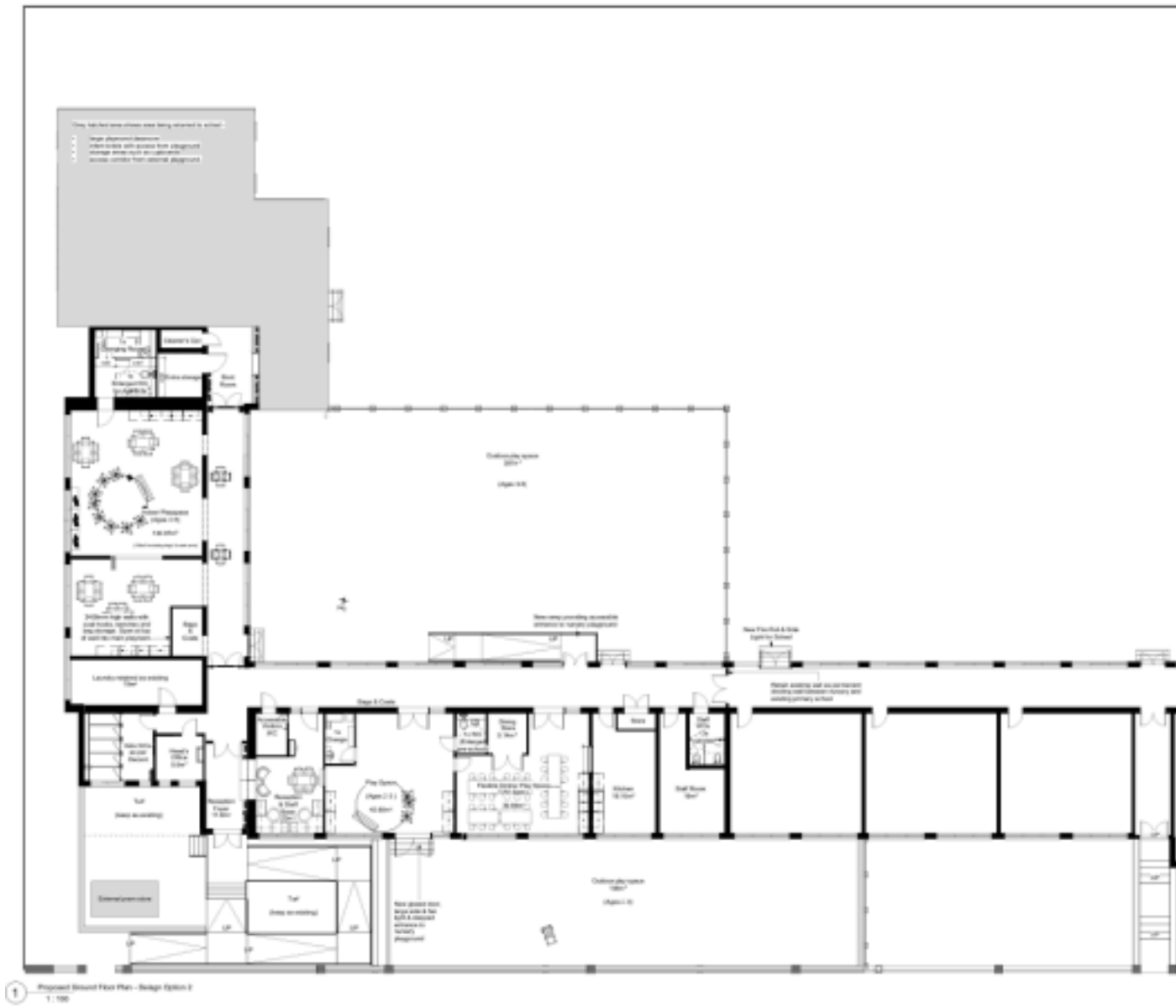

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