

# Education, Children and Families Committee

10:00, Tuesday, 7 December 2021

## New Primary School Name: Survey Results

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 The Education, Children and Families Committee is asked to:
  - 1.1.1 Note the results of the survey undertaken.
  - 1.1.2 Agree which of the three shortlisted names be adopted by the new school:
    - 1.1.2.1 Canaan Lane Primary School; or
    - 1.1.2.2 North Morningside Primary School; or
    - 1.1.2.3 Saroj Lal Primary School.

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### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 A survey asking people to rank three shortlisted names for the new school being constructed on Canaan Lane has been undertaken according to the directions provided by Committee at its meeting in October 2021. The results of the survey show that overall the preferred option was “Canaan Lane Primary School”. Committee is asked to note the results of the survey and agree which name should be adopted.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 A new non-denominational primary school is being constructed in Canaan Lane and is due to open in August 2022. A name for the new school needs to be decided in advance of the school opening so that all the administrative requirements for the opening of the new school can be undertaken. Accordingly, at its meeting on 12 October 2021 the Education, Children and Families Committee agreed that a consultation exercise to give people a say in the naming of the new school should be progressed. The Committee agreed to the following:

To proceed with the consultation before the school opens to ensure a permanent identity is in place for the children attending, and that the consultation should:

- 3.1.1 be open to parents of proposed new P1 intake, parents of neighbouring primary schools, parents of feeder nursery schools childcare and early learning settings in the proposed catchment of the new school and local residents living in the proposed catchment of the new school
- 3.1.2 be hosted online and to follow the model used for the Braid Road consultation, requiring full address details and ‘reason for responding’ (i.e. nursery parent) to ensure respondents are eligible
- 3.1.3 include the 3 names on the final shortlist in the report
- 3.1.4 ask respondents to rank the names in order of preference (to provide additional detail for committee on overall popularity of each option)
- 3.1.5 start as soon as possible but allow additional time if it crosses over with the mid-term break, and

- 3.1.6 be communicated to ward councillors, schools/nurseries for sharing with parents and the community council
- 3.1.7 The outcome of the consultation, including a breakdown of results by type of respondent, to be reported back to members in one cycle at the December meeting.

## 4. Main report

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- 4.1 The letter in Appendix 1 was issued to eligible households. This letter provides details of the online survey and the means by which households can state their preference within the shortlisted names by ranking the three names from 1 to 3 with 1 being favourite and 3 least favourite.
- 4.2 As Community Councils active in populated areas belonging to the new school's catchment, Morningside Community Council and Grange / Prestonfield Community Council were invited to provide their preferences and/or comments in regard to the shortlisted names. Neither Community Council provided comments.

### ***Voting***

- 4.3 The letter was sent to 5,630 residential addresses. There were 1,035 valid responses to the survey (18.3% response rate). The tables that follow provide details of the overall result and various breakdowns based on voter location.
- 4.4 The methodology used to arrive at the winning option is a simple run-off system. The first place votes are considered. If an option has the majority of the first place votes (more than 50%) then it is the winner. Where no overall majority is achieved, the option with the fewest first place votes is removed and it's second place votes are applied to the remaining options.

### ***Overall Result***

- 4.5 Table 1 (below) shows the overall result of the survey taking account of all votes cast:

***Table 1: Overall Result (All Votes)***

<b>Shortlisted School Name</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Votes (Favourite)</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Votes</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place Votes (Least Favourite)</b>
Canaan Lane Primary School	462	480	75
North Morningside Primary School	329	458	226
Saroj Lal Primary School	234	76	682

- 4.6 When considering all votes cast, Canaan Lane Primary School is the clear winner.
- 4.7 While it did not achieve an overall majority in the first round, when the second place votes from those whose preference was Saroj Lal Primary School are applied,

Canaan Lane Primary School secures 62.1% compared to North Morningside Primary School's 37.9%.

*Result from The New Primary School's Catchment Area*

- 4.8 The letter was sent to 4,178 residential addresses in the new school's catchment area. There were 787 valid responses to the survey from addresses in the new school's catchment area (18.8% response rate).
- 4.9 Table 2 (below) shows the result when only those votes cast by residents in the new primary school's catchment area are considered.

**Table 2: Result from The New Primary School's Catchment Area Only**

Shortlisted School Name	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Votes (Favourite)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Votes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Votes (Least Favourite)
Canaan Lane Primary School	362	363	47
North Morningside Primary School	269	354	147
Saroj Lal Primary School	147	54	549

- 4.10 People living within the catchment area of the new school voted for Canaan Lane Primary School as the clear winner.
- 4.11 While it did not achieve an overall majority in the first round, when the second place votes from those whose preference was Saroj Lal Primary School are applied, Canaan Lane Primary School secures 60.5% compared to North Morningside Primary School's 39.5%.

***Result from Households in the New School's Catchment Area with a Child at Nursery***

- 4.12 The letter was sent to 83 residential addresses in the new school's catchment area with a child attending a nursery and therefore currently eligible for a place in P1 at the new school. 32 responded giving a 38.6% response rate.
- 4.13 Table 2 (below) shows the result when only those votes cast by residents in the new primary school's catchment area are considered.

**Table 2: Result from Households with Child Eligible to Attend The New Primary School**

Shortlisted School Name	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Votes (Favourite)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Votes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Votes (Least Favourite)
Canaan Lane Primary School	14	16	2
North Morningside Primary School	12	14	6
Saroj Lal Primary School	6	2	24

- 4.14 Households in the new school's catchment area with a child at nursery voted for Canaan Lane Primary School as the clear winner.
- 4.15 While it did not achieve an overall majority in the first round, when the second place votes from those whose preference was Saroj Lal Primary School are applied, Canaan Lane Primary School secures 59.4% compared to North Morningside Primary School's 40.6%.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 The Education, Children and Families Committee is requested to consider the results of the vote and agree which name shall be applied to the new school. This name will be adopted immediately on all future communications regarding the school.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 There are no financial impacts arising from the decisions requested in this paper.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 This paper sets out the details of the survey undertaken to allow people within the affected communities to vote for their preferred name for the new school being constructed in Canaan Lane.
- 7.2 There are no environmental or carbon impacts arising from the decisions requested in this paper.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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- 8.1 Education, Children and Families Committee, 12 October 2021 – New Primary School Name

## **9. Appendices**

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- 9.1 Appendix 1: Copy of survey letter sent to eligible voters.

The Occupier  
Address line 1  
Address line 2  
CITY/TOWN  
Postcode

**Date** 18 November 2021

**Your Ref** XXXXXXXX

Dear Sir or Madam,

### **Survey to Name New Primary School on Canaan Lane**

I am writing to offer your household a say in the naming of the new primary school currently being constructed on Canaan Lane in Morningside.

The new primary school will open in August 2022. The school will have enough room for 420 pupils, alongside an early learning and childcare facility and inspiring outdoor spaces.

Further information about the new primary school can be found on the Council's website:

[www.edinburgh.gov.uk/new-education-buildings/new-south-edinburgh-primary-school-canaan-lane](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/new-education-buildings/new-south-edinburgh-primary-school-canaan-lane)

At its meeting on 12 October 2021 the Council's Education, Children and Families Committee agreed that three names for the new school should be shortlisted and a survey of residents in the new school's catchment area undertaken. It was also agreed that households with a child or children attending South Morningside Primary School, James Gillespie's Primary School, Bruntsfield Primary School or an Early Years setting in these school's catchment areas should be surveyed.

The three shortlisted names are:

- Canaan Lane Primary School;
- North Morningside Primary School;
- Saroj Lal Primary School

Canaan Lane Primary School and North Morningside Primary School have been shortlisted as they describe the location of the new school in Edinburgh. Saroj Lal Primary School has been shortlisted as Saroj Lal was a former teacher at South Morningside Primary School.

You can rank the names according to your preference by entering your unique reference [XXXXXXX] on the following Survey Monkey webpage:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/newsouthedinburghschool>

The survey asks for no personal information other than whether you have a child at a primary school or nursery in Edinburgh and is based on one vote per household.

You must enter your unique reference. Entries without a unique reference will not be considered.

The survey will close at 5pm on Tuesday 30 November 2021. Any entries received after this time will not be considered.

The number of votes received for each option will be reported to the Education, Children and Families Committee on Tuesday, 7 December 2021. The Committee will then agree which name the new school will adopt.

If you have any concerns or comments about the survey or the process for naming the new school these should be emailed to: [schoolsreview@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsreview@edinburgh.gov.uk)

Please note that votes for the new school name will not be accepted by email. Only votes submitted via the Survey Monkey website with a reference number will be accepted.

Yours sincerely



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