

Item no 5.7

QUESTION NO 7

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer
by the Convener of the Education,
Children and Families Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 6 February
2020**

Changes were recently made to the playground and to access arrangements at South Morningside Primary School's Deanbank Annex in Canaan Lane on account of the demolition and construction works taking place immediately adjacent to the school. These changes were communicated to parents the day before the school went back after the Christmas holiday and caused wide-spread concerns, now being addressed, amongst the school and parent community.

- Question** (1) Is the Convener aware that major disruption, particularly when poorly communicated, can cause considerable anxiety to pupils who have additional support needs (ASN) and, in this case, has resulted in one pupil being withdrawn from school?
- Answer** (1)
- Question** (2) What process does the Council normally follow to reduce the impact that major changes at schools can have on their ASN pupils?
- Answer** (2)
- Question** (3) Does this process place a high priority on effective and timely communications with the school and its Parent Council?
- Answer** (3)