

Date	I would like to ask...	Positive Feedback/Comments	Suggestions/Comments	We Listened and We Did
18-19/03/24	<p>Over the course of family contact appointments the following points raised were collated:</p> <p>5. I am looking forward to seeing the new menu. However I feel a once yearly menu change is not enough. The children have been learning about sustainability and farming and yet the food being provided is not seasonal or local. How can this learning be embedded if the children see the opposite.</p> <p>4. Especially being Lent, my child gave up desserts and treats however they have not been offered yoghurt as an alternative on dessert days nor have they been offered the fruit part element when fruit came with a pudding. My other child is sometimes offered the fruit. This seems unfair and inconsistent.</p> <p>3. I chat through the menu options with my children to ensure they are happy with the school lunch options. They often mention things are different or missing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no garlic bread with lasange or macaroni - no baked beans with fish and chips 			<p>These comments were a common theme. This feedback has been passed onto Tayside Contracts for a response. Additionally, we will be campaigning for healthy eating as part of our Rights to take this further.</p>
18 - 19/03/24	<p>2. My child does not like the chips and wedges from the school lunches. On questioning them further as they eat these types of food at home. It was because 'they are too salty'. I though salt was not added to school dinners?</p> <p>1. My child in P7 often complains of the food being lukewarm - cold. Doesn't make this very appetising...</p>			<p>As above</p>
25/03/24	<p>I really think p7 is too late for swimming lessons. P4/5 is much better because those with private lessons will benefit as on cusp of swimming 25m. Age 11 is too embarrassing for those who can't afford lessons and is 3 years behind English system.</p>		<p>Forgot to add re swimming lessons. P6/7 already have a full timetable of extra sports eg county x country and athletics and tasters in curling skiing and fencing. Please consider bringing swimming lessons forward.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. We agree and this decision is not a school decision. It is made by PKC. We will pass on your comments and request feedback.</p>
13/12/23	<p>Is it possible to add a free ticket for infants for the Christmas concert rather than having to pay £2?</p>		<p>I don't think it's fair to pay for a seat when a baby won't use a seat. A free ticket would allow for crowd numbers to be counted.</p>	<p>Apologies for the delay in responding the automatic alert that a form had been completed did not come through. Thank you for your comments. As explained in the letter all children including infants are included in the numbers for health and safety reasons. Therefore it would not help with allowing more people to attend. We will take on board your suggestion and perhaps review costings infants.</p>

13/11/23	Why will the council not adopt School Wynd ? Then the road could be improved and possibly a one way route that would allow safe drop off in the morning at the school gate at the back. Broich Rd is far too busy in the mornings and the crossing is not safe enough . The school needs a safe drop off zone		Pedestrian crossing is in right place but school buses block the view for drivers to see lights change in time. Please adopt School Wynd and design it to be a one way road with drop off zone	Apologies for the delay in responding the automatic alert that a form had been completed did not come through. Thank you for your suggestions. Unfortunately the School Wynd is a privately owned road and its use is discouraged for this reason. We have had many phonecalls from the residents regarding the use of this road and the hazards it causes for emergency vehicle access. We hope the traffic calming measures being installed on Thursday 28th March will help improve the safety of the Broich Road.
28/09/23	How do you propose helping working parents who have timed their working pattern around current school hours and who can't afford to put their multiple children into after school for half an hour every day? I find this whole proposed school timings very stressful, it is hard enough being a working parent without this uncertainty hanging over us based on a few people's views.			Thank you for telling us how you feel. Any changes would not be immediate and would be brought in over a long period when transport contracts are renegotiated by PKC and only if the proposal is in favour.
28/09/23	1. Would there be a possibility of both ELC and school finishing at 3:15 rather than 3pm?		2. I feel playtime is important for the children; especially as they progress through the primary's and free play becomes less and less in class. I think cutting the morning break by half will have a negative impact on the children as it will be time to return to class pretty soon after they have changed into their outdoor shoes and retrieved their snacks from their bags etc.	1. Thank you, this is a helpful suggestion, which we will put forward. 2. Please be assured the time children spend preparing for and after break/lunch (changing shoes, coats and retrieving their snack) is not within their break time. The children get ready before and after the breaktime bells and do not spend their playtime on these preparations.
28/09/23	Why can't children have their PE kit which is much warmer than the school uniform. People have gone to a lot of effort to buy PE kit and now they will have to buy more school uniform in this current climate. You haven't given a lot of notice for the change!		To continue to be allowed to wear either uniform especially when it's turning colder.	Due to the unpredictability of weather during the winter months, our obligation to teach 2 hours P.E. and the lack of availability of suitable indoor space; some of our classes will be walking to the Campus, some P.E. will be outdoors and our own school hall will be used for a few lessons. It therefore would offer more flexibility and availability that P.E. kits are always available – on a child's peg; for staff to choose more weather suitable times outdoors. It also means that children feeling wet or sweaty will be changing out of these clothes back into a warm and dry school uniform.
16/08/23			There seems to be no link to "Dates for the calendar" in the sway. I hope it's just a little glitch as I always find it very useful. Have a great first day.	Thank you for highlighting this. The Sway was updated. The diary is also always available on our school website: https://www.stdominics-primary-crieff.org.uk/calendar/

28/06/23	<p>1. Will there be more opportunities for outdoor learning? My children love being outdoors and feel that more classroom learning could be delivered outdoors.</p> <p>2. Why all children weren't asked if they would like to join the recorder club? This caused some upset in our household.</p>	<p>3. Teachers - I feel incredibly lucky that both of our children have had a full academic year of consistent teachers, both XX and XX have been excellent and have formed great relationships with our children. XX has took time to get to know XX and celebrated XX as an individual, this has made a huge difference to XX attitude towards school.</p> <p>Mrs Hunter has always been at the end of the phone or available for any discussions regarding our children, having this open door approach creates a sense great partnership to ensure we are all consistent in school and at home.</p>	<p>4. Continue celebrating each child as an individual, the stickers and certificates from school are an excellent reward and an exciting topic of conversation in our household</p>	<p>1. Kate will return in August to deliver Outdoor learning on a rotational basis to each class August – November and April to June. Teaching staff do embed outdoor learning as part of class lessons e.g. volume lessons in maths, measuring area etc. We will continue to encourage outdoor learning in all areas of the curriculum where possible.</p> <p>2. You can appreciate we have a limited supply of recorders and are unable to offer recorder lessons to the whole school. Additionally, a Teacher kindly gave up their lunch break to offer this lesson and presently this was offered to Primary 3 pupils. Many recorders loaned to pupils last year in P2/3 and this year's P3 pupil's have not been returned, leaving the school with even less recorders. Please look for these at home and return as soon as possible.</p> <p>3 &</p> <p>4. Thank you for these lovely comments, it is lovely to hear at the end of our school year. All our staff work extremely hard in supporting the children and we care for them very much.</p>
27/06/23			<p>Children that are playing on their own, should be encouraged to play with others or other children should let them join in, kindness and including others should be part of play time and monitored so that children aren't left out</p>	<p>Friendship benches were purchased to encourage children to seek out those on the benches and for those seeking a playmate to use the bench to show this. Support staff observe and check in with children in solitude in the playground and most often the children are happy in their own company and are seeking downtime and other times they will help them find someone to play with. The children all help devise their class and playground charters and we will continue to embed this again next year to encourage inclusivity and respect for those who wish solitude.</p>

27/06/23	<p>Are we allowed to purchase bottle green V necked knitted jumpers without the school emblem on? The new suppliers V Neck jumpers contain wool and make my child itch so they won't wear them. My child's current jumpers (from old supplier) are getting too small and frayed on cuffs. I've noticed several parents have commented about this issue on the St Dominic's Facebook page.</p>			<p>When asked a passing pupil, they commented that the new jumper was cosy and feels warm.</p> <p>The new school jumper is made of 80% acrylic and 20% wool - which will be lovely and warm in the winter months.</p> <p>We contacted Scotcrest on Monday, who have kindly sort an alternative jumper and have already updated their website. The other jumper is made of 50% acrylic and 50% cotton. These jumpers can be differentiated by 'WOOL-MIX' and 'COTTON/ACRYLIC'.</p> <p>As already mentioned on the updated school uniform policy last year following the cost of living increase - plain bottle green v-neck school jumpers from supermarkets are also an option.</p> <p>Thank you to Scotcrest for being so accommodating and quick to respond.</p>
27/06/23	<p>If there are any alternatives planned for the school jumper? The new suppliers one is very itchy. We will need to buy a plain green one for the new term.</p>	<p>Thank you to all the teachers and support staff for all their hard work and support this year.</p>		<p>See above</p>