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Community councillors warn 'mothballing' primary school could result in 'dramatic acceleration' of rural depopulation

If You Build It, They Will Come

“The school will be open if children enroll”

That is the message that Edderton Community Council chair Gordon Allison.

Councillor Jim McGillivray, representative for Ward 4 East Sutherland and Edderton, has been central to the efforts to save Edderton Primary School in the face of a potential “mothballing” as the school roll looked set to fall to only two pupils.

Councillor McGillivray, however, has filed a motion with the Sutherland County Committee which will meet on 2nd June and which might present salvation for the under fire community.

“In view of the precedent set at Duror Primary School, and since no formal decision has yet been taken by Members, that this Committee agrees that no mothballing of Edderton Primary School be pursued for the next academic session in order to allow time for a full evaluation of the potential increase in pupil numbers”.



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The Benefits of Smaller Schools for Young Children

When it comes to young children, the size of their class and their school can make a world of difference to their learning.

Small Classes: More Individual Attention: Teachers can spend more time with each child.

Stronger Relationships: Smaller groups foster closer bonds between students and teachers, promoting emotional growth and confidence.

Personalised Learning: With fewer students, teachers can tailor lessons to each child's unique needs.

Less Distraction: Smaller groups create a quieter, calmer environment, allowing children to focus better.

Why It Matters: For young children, early learning experiences shape their emotional, social, and academic future. Smaller class sizes allow for more nurturing and targeted growth, setting the foundation for success.

What next? Edderton Primary School, just a few miles from Tain is now accepting “Pupil Transfer Requests” and offers many of the benefits mentioned above.

Get in touch with us if you'd like to know more, or to find out about “wrap around” care options.

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