

Email from PC to Lynne Binnie, 3 February 2025

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Subject: Re: Rising rolls and capacity concerns at JGHS

Dear Dr Binnie,

Many thanks indeed for the detailed response you provided to Cllrs Griffiths, Burgess, Pogson and Ross and following the letter from the James Gillespie's High School Parent Council outlining our concerns about capacity and rising rolls at the school.

We are grateful for your engagement with these issues. We note that the suitability issues that have been raised by the school are being addressed, and that there is a particular focus on the scope for repurposing and reconfiguration of existing spaces - alongside the use of some additional space - to provide increased practical subject facilities and improved social space. We look forward to hearing further information about these solutions as the details are worked out.

We also note that although the numbers at JGHS will start to show some decrease by 2030, there will be >1800 pupils in the school for the next 5 years. This obviously means that for any pupil already at the school the squeeze on space will remain for their entire high school career. And while it might be tempting to look forwards to the time when space pressures reduce, it is crucial that the current situation is addressed now to minimise the impact on their education.

The Parent Council looks forward to hearing about the discussions at the next Education Children and Families Committee meeting in March, and to the proposed next steps to address the capacity issues at JGHS.

With all very best wishes,

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