

School Crossing Patrol EDC Response

Due to confusion and disgruntlement amongst the parent community of Torrance on the subject of the school crossing patrol, the Torrance Parent Council asked East Dunbartonshire Council to communicate with parents clarifying the facts on the following points:

- Why there is currently no school crossing patrol:
 - The letter from the school at the start of term stated that in March 2025, the Council made the decision that all mechanised crossings will no longer have a school crossing patroller. This is different to what we discussed at the Parent Council meeting, where Cllr. Lynda Williamson shared that this was a recruitment issue
- Why Torrance Primary is not included in the current job advert that has been shared online
- What will happen if the roles mentioned in the job ad are filled. Will the Council then move onto recruiting for other schools such as Torrance?
- Why no risk assessment has taken place

East Dunbartonshire Council Estates & Facilities Manager has responded as follows:

- The Council approved the decision at the budget meeting in March 2025 to relocate school crossing patrollers currently based at mechanised crossing points across East Dunbartonshire to non-mechanised locations, to install 15 new mechanised crossing points at various locations, and to recruit an additional 12 school crossing patrollers to be based at non-mechanised crossing locations, ensuring all 59 crossing locations are either manned or mechanised. Work to install new mechanised crossing points and to recruit additional staff is ongoing.
- Torrance PS has one crossing point assigned to them out of the 59 existing crossing locations. This crossing point is currently mechanised, therefore officers are not recruiting for a school crossing patroller for this location as per the information noted in response to point 1.
- As per point 1, Officers are working to ensure that all 59 crossing locations are either mechanised or manned. Only those crossing points that are not currently mechanised and are not due to be mechanised are being advertised for recruitment. For the avoidance of doubt, no crossing point will be manned and mechanised.
- The Roads Service will assess walking routes for children at the request of Education. These assessments are for particular children at particular times of the day. One of the things the assessment considers is how children cross a road. Where a mechanised crossing is provided, the crossing is considered safe, and no further assessment is made. It should be noted that when assessing any walking route to school, the legislation requires that the child is accompanied as necessary by an adult. This means that, if a parent/guardian does not think the child can safely use a mechanised crossing on their own, they should arrange for the child to be supervised.

