Mertoun Area Parents Group St Boswells Primary School Greenside Park St Boswells TD6 0AH 05.05.16

Dear Mrs Manson,

Currently, children from Mertoun Estate, Clint Mains, Dryburgh and Bemersyde area are part of the Earlston Primary School catchment. This seems a long way for young primary school children to travel and traditionally the long established trend is that the majority of families from these areas enrol their children in St Boswells Primary.

The parents from Mertoun Estate, Clint Mains, Dryburgh and Bemersyde have met to discuss this and would like to request that Scottish Border Council make an amendment to the catchment boundary for St Boswells Primary School to include Mertoun Estate, Clint Mains, Dryburgh and Bemersyde in order that families residing in these areas would be included as catchment pupils in St Boswells Primary rather than having to make placing requests in order to attend the primary school that is our nearest school.

We have discussed this proposal with Mrs Margaret Nailen, Headteacher at St Boswells Primary School who is aware of the long-standing tradition of pupils from these areas attending St Boswells Primary. Mrs Nailen is aware of our proposal and is supportive of this request.

We are currently unaware of any further implications as a result of this proposed amendment to the catchment boundaries

Thank you for giving this proposal your consideration.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of the Mertoun, Clint Mains, Dryburgh and Bemersyde Parents