



Glasgow City Council

City Administration Committee

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Education, Skills and Early Years**

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**PROPOSALS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL RESERVED PLACES FOR SCHOOL
SESSION 2021/2022**

Purpose of Report:

This report provides information on the specific number of reserved places for named primary schools for session 2021/22, commencing in August 2021.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to:

- note the successful implementation of the reserved places provision in previous school sessions;
- note the existing factors for determining reserved places for session 2021/22 based on past experience since introduction in 2014/15;
- approve the list of schools and number of places to be reserved in each for school session 2021/22.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

1 Background

- 1.1 On 23 January 2014 the Executive Committee agreed in principle to utilise the reserved places provision within the placing request legislation in order to safeguard places for children living within a school's catchment area.
- 1.2 The reason for the utilisation of the reserved places provision within the Education (Scotland) Act 1991, as amended by the Standards in Schools Act 2000, is that after decades of a decreasing population across the city the population of Glasgow has started to increase. Over the next decade the primary age population is predicted to rise between 13% and 18%.
- 1.3 The use of reserved spaces is part of an approach to manage the education estate in a strategic manner and address capacity issues before they develop.
- 1.4 The allocation of spaces at any school in rank order is:
 - Catchment children
 - Reserved spaces
 - Placing requests
- 1.5 On 3 April 2014, the Executive Committee agreed a methodology and a range of factors for determining the level of reserved places in schools for school session 2014/15. In total, the then Executive Committee agreed to reserve a determined number of reserve places in 32 primary schools across the city to ensure that the Council could meet demand for catchment area places out with the normal timetable for enrolment.
- 1.6 Session 2014/15 was the first year of utilising the reserved places provision within the placing request legislation. Further reports have been submitted on an annual basis since then, setting out the proposals for reserved places for each new school session taking account of the experiences and lessons learned over the past number of years since the first year of operation.

2 Experience to date

- 2.1 Overall the introduction of reserved places has worked well, safeguarding places for catchment area children either enrolling after the normal enrolment timetable or safeguarding places for future years' demand based on forecasts of catchment area needs.
- 2.2 In October 2014 the Council's provision of reserved places was appealed to the Sheriff Court by a parent of a child wishing to attend a primary school by placing request that had been refused. The appeal was rejected, the Court finding in favour of the Council confirming that the Council had appropriately applied the provisions within legislation to safeguard places for future catchment area demand.

- 2.3 Initially in session 2014/15 the number of reserved places being set aside in some cases was found to be too high and above what might be required, therefore the factors used to determine the number of reserved places required was modified to address this for session 2015/16.
- 2.4 The modified factors have worked well since session 2016/17 and it is proposed that these are used again in determining the number of reserved places for session 2021/22.

<u>Session 2021/22</u>	Number of Places Reserved
<u>Factor 1</u>	
Schools with a current catchment area waiting list	3
<u>Factor 2</u>	
The projected pupil roll exceeded the capacity of the school within 7 years	7
<u>Factor 3</u>	
The number of late enrolments of catchment children:	
• 0 – 5 pupils	0
• 6 – 10 pupils	1
• 11 – 20 pupils	2
• above 20 pupils	4
<u>Factor 4</u>	
Other known factors e.g. planned Housing developments	10

Note: There will be a maximum of 10 reserved places in any school for session 2021/22

- 2.5 **Appendix 2** to this report provides an example of the successful use of reserved P1 places.
- 2.6 Details of all the primary schools where it is proposed to use reserved places and the numbers of places to be reserved for school session 2021/22 are provided in **Appendix 1** to this report.
- 2.7 **Appendix 3** to this report shows the allocation of Reserved Places across school stages

3 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: This approach allows the Council to make effective use of available finance by reducing the potential transport and staffing costs that may arise if catchment children could not be accommodated in their local schools. It also ensures that placing requests are effectively managed.

Legal: In line with the appropriate legislation as indicated in the report.

Personnel: Within existing resources

Procurement: n/a

Council Strategic Plan: Excellent and Inclusive Education 35

Equality Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22 Education Services are integral to the delivery of the Council Family Equality Outcomes and we recognise as part of our equality commitments that providing access to a high-quality education is one of the ways the Council Family can advance equality of opportunity. Specific work in Glasgow schools is included under Equality Outcomes 5, 6, 7 and 14

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report? There is potential for positive impact on young people from reserved spaces as part of the broader approach to providing high quality education in our local communities.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage The use of reserved places will ensure that families moving into the catchment area mid-term will have a realistic opportunity to place their child at their catchment school.

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental: The appropriate use of reserved spaces will support the management of the education estate and the supply and demand of school places across the city.

Social, including opportunities under Article 20 of the European Public Procurement Directive: N/A

Economic: The use of reserved spaces will contribute to the effective management of the education estate and ensure that all children and young people can maximise their potential. Additionally, the ability to place all local children within their catchment school will mean that the Council will not have to pay for additional staffing and/or transportation to non-catchment area schools.

Privacy and Data Protection impacts There is no impact on privacy and data protection.

4 Recommendations

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- approve the list of schools and number of places to be reserved in each for school session 2021/22.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH RESERVED SPACES FOR 2021/22

	School Name	Total reserved places due
1	Annette Street Primary School	1
2	Bankhead Primary School	2
3	Blackfriars Primary School	1
4	Blairdardie Primary School	10
5	Broomhill Primary School	3
6	Camstradden Primary School	3
7	Carntyne Primary School	7
8	Castleton Primary School	3
9	Cleeves Primary School	1
10	Corpus Christi Primary School	3
11	Craigton Primary School	3
12	Cranhill Primary School	3
13	Croftfoot Primary School	1
14	Crookston Castle Primary School	1
15	Cuthbertson Primary School	10
16	Darnley Primary School	7
17	Dunard Primary School	7
18	Eastbank Primary School	1
19	Garnetbank Primary School	1
20	Garrowhill Primary School	7
21	Glendale Gaelic Primary School ⁽¹⁾	3
22	Glendale Primary School	3
23	Gowanbank Primary School	7
24	Haghill Park Primary School	4
25	Highpark Primary School	4
26	Hillhead Primary School	1
27	Holy Cross Primary School	7
28	Hyndland Primary School	3
29	Ibrox Primary School	2
30	John Paul II Primary School	10
31	King's Park Primary School	1
32	Knightswood Primary School	1
33	Langfaulds Primary School	1
34	Lorne Street Primary School	4
35	Lourdes Primary School	1
36	Notre Dame Primary School	9
37	Oakgrove Primary School	3
38	Our Lady of Peace Primary School	7

	School Name	Total reserved placed due
39	Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School	1
40	Parkview Primary School	3
41	Pirie Park Primary School	5
42	Pollokshields Primary School	1
43	Quarry Brae Primary School	10
44	Riverbank Primary School	10
45	Riverside Primary School	7
46	Sandwood Primary School	7
47	Scotstoun Primary School	1
48	St. Albert's Primary School	7
49	St. Bartholomew's Primary School	3
50	St. Brendan's Primary School	7
51	St. Bride's Primary School	2
52	St. Constantine's Primary School	4
53	St. Fillan's Primary School	10
54	St. Francis' Primary School	7
55	St. Joseph's Primary School	1
56	St. Maria Goretti Primary School	1
57	St. Michael's Primary School	10
58	St. Mirin's Primary School	3
59	St. Monica's (Milton) Primary School	4
60	St. Ninian's Primary School	7
61	St. Patrick's Primary School	7
62	St. Roch's Primary School	1
63	St. Thomas' Primary School	1
64	St. Vincent's Primary School	4
65	Sunnyside Primary School	7
66	Thorntree Primary School	7
67	Tinto Primary School	4
68	Wellshot Primary School	1
	Total Reserved Places	289

EXAMPLE OF USE OF RESERVED PLACES

School A

P1 Capacity set in November	50 (inclusive of 2 x reserved places)
Total catchment Enrolments by 3/7/20	48
2 x Placing Request applications received	12/7/20 – these were refused as only catchment reserved places were available.
2 x Catchment Enrolment requests received	3/8/20 – as 2 x reserved catchment places still available these could be accommodated.

ALLOCATION OF RESERVED PLACES

Agreed allocation of Reserved Places	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7
1	1						
2	1	1					
3	1	1	1				
4	2	1	1				
5	2	1	1	1			
6	2	1	1	1	1		
7	2	1	1	1	1	1	
8	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
9	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
10	3	2	1	1	1	1	1