



Glasgow City Council

Executive Committee

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Item

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**PROPOSALS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL RESERVED PLACES FOR SCHOOL
SESSION 2017/18**

Purpose of Report:

This report seeks Executive Committee approval to apply a specific number of reserved places for named primary schools for session 2017/18 commencing August 2017.

Recommendations:

The Executive Committee is asked to:

- Note the successful implementation of the reserved places provision in the past three school sessions;
- Agree to continue with the existing factors for determining reserved places for session 2017/18 based on the experience of the past three years;
- Agree the list of schools and number of places to be reserved in each for school session 2017/18.

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 primary schools for school session 2014/15. In total the 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 learnt in the first years of operation.

2 Experience of First 3 Years of Operation

- 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 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 again in session 2016/17 and it is proposed that these are used again in determining the number of reserved places for session 2017/18.

	Session 2015/16 & 2016/17	Session 2017/18
	<u>No of Places Reserved</u>	<u>No of Places Reserved</u>
<u>Factor 1</u>		
Primary schools with a current catchment area waiting list	3	3
<u>Factor 2</u>		
The projected pupil roll exceeded the capacity of the school within 7 years	7	7
<u>Factor 3</u>		
The number of late enrolments of catchment children:		
• 0 – 5 pupils	0	0
• 6 – 10 pupils	1	1
• 11 – 20 pupils	2	2
• above 20 pupils	4	4
<u>Factor 4</u>		
Other known factors e.g. planned housing developments	10	10

Note: As agreed for session 2016/17, there will be a maximum of 10 reserved places in any primary school for **session 2017/18**.

2.5 Based on the above factors for determining the primary schools and levels of reserved places to be allocated for session 2017/18, this will see an increase from 48 to 70 primary schools.

2.6 Based on Factor 4 above, it has been established that there are plans to develop 400 new privately built homes in the former Jordanhill College site. Therefore there will be reserved places held within the catchment schools for this new housing estate. This will include Scotstoun Primary, Bankhead Primary, Corpus Christi Primary, and both St Thomas Aquinas and Knightswood Secondary Schools which are all in the catchment area for the new homes.

- 2.7 Details of all the primary and secondary schools and the numbers of places to be reserved for school session 2017/18 are provided in the Appendix to this report.

3 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	This approach allows us to make effective use of available finance by reducing the potential transport costs that may arise if catchment children could not be accommodated in their local schools.
<i>Legal:</i>	In line with the appropriate legislation as indicated in the report.
<i>Personnel:</i>	Within existing resources
<i>Procurement:</i>	n/a

Council Strategic Plan: Specify which theme(s) and outcome(s) the proposal supports

Equality Impacts:

<i>EQIA carried out:</i>	yes/no
<i>Outcome:</i>	(no significant impact, positive impact or negative impact)

Sustainability Impacts:

<i>Environmental:</i>	
<i>Social:</i>	
<i>Economic:</i>	

4 Recommendations

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RESERVED PLACES APPENDIX

ALLOCATION 2017/18

ESTABLISHMENT	Factor 1 - Reserved Places allocated due to waiting list	Factor 2 - Projected Capacity Exceeded within 7 years	Factor 3 - Reserved Places allocated due to late enrolment	Factor 4 - Other Matters	Total Proposed Reserved Places for Aug 2017 (max 10)
Primary Schools					
Annette Street	3	0	0	0	3
Aultmore Park	3	0	0	0	3
Avenue End	0	7	0	0	7
Balornock	3	0	0	0	3
Bankhead	3	0	0	10	10
Barmulloch	3	0	0	0	3
Battlefield	0	7	0	0	7
Blairdardie	0	7	0	0	7
Blackfriars	0	0	2	0	2
Broomhill	0	0	1	0	1
Bunsgoil Gaelic Primary	3	7	0	0	10
Caldercuilt	0	7	0	0	7
Caledonia	0	7	0	0	7
Corpus Christi	0	0	0	10	10
Crookston Castle	0	7	0	0	7
Cuthbertson	3	7	2	0	10
Dalmarnock	0	7	0	0	7
Darnley	0	7	0	0	7
Dunard	0	7	1	0	8
Garrowhill	0	7	0	0	7
Garscadden	0	0	1	0	1
Glendale	3	7	0	0	10
Golfhill	0	7	0	0	7
Highpark	3	7	0	0	10
Hillhead	3	0	1	0	4
Hillington	0	0	1	0	1
Holy Cross	3	7	1	0	10
Hyndland	3	0	0	0	3
Ibrox	0	7	0	0	7
John Paul II	0	7	0	0	7
Kelvindale	0	7	0	0	7
Merrylee	3	7	0	0	10
Miltonbank	3	0	0	0	3
Mount Florida	3	7	0	0	10
Notre Dame	3	7	1	0	10
Oakgrove	0	0	1	0	1
Our Lady of Peace	0	7	0	0	7
Parkview	0	7	1	0	8
Pirie Park	0	0	1	0	1
Riverside	0	7	0	0	7
Sandwood	0	7	0	0	7
Saracen	0	7	0	0	7
Scotstoun	0	0	0	10	10
St Alberts	0	7	1	0	8
St Angelas	0	0	1	0	1
St Anne's	0	7	0	0	7
St Bartholomews	0	7	0	0	7
St Benedict's	0	7	0	0	7
St Bernard's	0	7	0	0	7
St Bride's	0	0	2	0	2
St Brigid's	0	0	1	0	1
St Clare's	3	0	0	0	3
St Constantine's	0	7	0	0	7
St Denis'	0	7	0	0	7
St Fillan's	0	7	0	0	7

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St Francis'	0	7	0	0	7
St George's	0	7	0	0	7
St Maria Goretti	0	7	0	0	7
St Mary's	0	7	1	0	8
St Michael's	0	0	1	0	1
St Ninian's	0	0	1	0	1
St Paul's (Shettleston)	0	7	0	0	7
St Paul's (whiteinch)	0	7	1	0	8
St Rose of Lima	0	7	0	0	7
St Saviour's	0	7	0	0	7
St Thomas'	0	7	0	0	7
Thorn tree	3	7	0	0	10
Thornwood	0	7	0	0	7
Tinto	0	7	0	0	7
Wallacewell	0	7	0	0	7
Secondary Schools					
Knightswood Secondary				10	10
St Thomas Aquinas Secondary				10	10
TOTAL	54	336	23	50	456