



Glasgow City Council
City Administration Committee

Item 2

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**Report by Councillor Chris Cunningham, City Convener for
Education, Skills and Early Years**

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**PROPOSALS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL RESERVED PLACES FOR SCHOOL
SESSION 2018/19**

Purpose of Report:

This report provides information on the specific number of reserved places for named primary schools for session 2018/19, commencing in August 2018.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to:

- Note the successful implementation of the reserved places provision in the past four school sessions;
- Notes the existing factors for determining reserved places for session 2018/19 based on the experience of the past three years; and
- Approve the list of schools and number of places to be reserved in each for school session 2018/19.

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 in the first years of operation.
- 1.7 This paper was considered by the Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee on 5th October 2017.

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 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 2017/18 it is proposed that these are used again in determining the number of reserved places for session 2018/19.

	Session 2018/19
	<u>No of Places Reserved</u>
<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 2018/19.

- 2.5 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 2018/19 are provided in the Appendix to this report.

3 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: 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.

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

Personnel: Within existing resources

Procurement: n/a

Council Strategic Plan: Learning City

Equality Impacts:

EQIA carried out: yes

Outcome: no significant impact

Sustainability Impacts:

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

Social: 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.

Economic: The use of reserved places 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 children within their catchment school will mean that the Council will not have to pay for transportation to a non-catchment area school in circumstances whereby the catchment area school is full and unable to accommodate the child.

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Appendix 1 – Primary Schools With Reserved Places 2018/19

	School Name	Total reserved places
1	Anderston Primary School	7
2	Annette Street Primary School	4
3	Antonine Primary School	7
4	Aultmore Park Primary School	3
5	Bankhead Primary School	4
6	Blackfriars Primary School	8
7	Broomhill Primary School	4
8	Cadder Primary School	1
9	Caldercuilt Primary School	10
10	Caledonia Primary School	10
11	Camstradden Primary School	1
12	Carntyne Primary School	8
13	Corpus Christi Primary School	1
14	Craigton Primary School	7
15	Crookston Castle Primary School	1
16	Cuthbertson Primary School	9
17	Dalmarnock Primary School	8
18	Darnley Primary School	8
19	Dunard Primary School	8
20	Elmvale Primary School	5
21	Garnetbank Primary School	7
22	Garrowhill Primary School	7
23	Glendale Primary School	4
24	Highpark Primary School	7
25	Hillhead Primary School	4
26	Holy Cross Primary School	10
27	Hyndland Primary School	7
28	Ibrox Primary School	10
29	John Paul II Primary School	1
30	Kelvindale Primary School	8
31	Knightswood Primary School	2
32	Lorne Street Primary School	7
33	Merrylee Primary School	8
34	Miller Primary School	1
35	Mount Florida Primary School	7
36	Mount Vernon Primary School	7
37	Notre Dame Primary School	7
38	Oakgrove Primary School	8
39	Our Lady of Peace Primary School	10
40	Parkview Primary School	1
41	Pirie Park Primary School	1

Appendix 1 – Cont. Primary Schools With Reserved Places 2018/19

42	Pollokshields Primary School	7
43	Quarry Brae Primary School	10
44	Riverside Primary School	10
45	Sacred Heart Primary School	7
46	Sandwood Primary School	10
47	Scotstoun Primary School	7
48	St Albert's Primary School	7
49	St Angela's Primary School	8
50	St Anne's Primary School	7
51	St Bartholomew's Primary School	7
52	St Benedict's Primary School	7
53	St Bernard's Primary School	4
54	St Bride's Primary School	2
55	St Brigid's Primary School	3
56	St Catherine's Primary School	1
57	St Constantine's Primary School	8
58	St Conval's Primary School	1
59	St Denis' Primary School	7
60	St Francis' Primary School	7
61	St Maria Goretti Primary School	7
62	St Marnock's Primary School	3
63	St Martha's Primary School	1
64	St Mary's Primary School	8
65	St Michael's Primary School	1
66	St Mirin's Primary School	3
67	St Monica's (Milton) Primary School	1
68	St Monica's Primary School	1
69	St Ninian's Primary School	10
70	St Patrick's Primary School	1
71	St Paul's (Shettleston) Primary School	8
72	St Paul's (Whiteinch) Primary School	8
73	St Philomena's Primary School	7
74	St Saviour's Primary School	10
75	St Thomas' Primary School	7
76	St Timothy's Primary School	7
77	Thorntree Primary School	7
78	Thornwood Primary School	7
79	Tinto Primary School	10
80	Wellshot Primary School	1
81	Whiteinch Primary School	7
	Total	474