



Glasgow City Council

City Administration Committee

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

Item 1

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**PROPOSALS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL RESERVED PLACES FOR SCHOOL
SESSION 2022/2023**

Purpose of Report:

This report provides information on the specific number of reserved places for named primary schools for session 2022/23, commencing in August 2022.

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 2022/23 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 2022/23.
- note that 'reserved spaces' may be legally referenced as a valid reason to refuse placing request appeals.

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 soon to be 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 is increasing.
- 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 become problematic.
- 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. For example, lecturing staff moving to universities, health staff moving to hospitals etc.
- 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 years 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 2022/2023.

Session 2022/23

	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 2022/23

- 2.5 **Appendix 2** to this report provides a good 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 2022/23 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 us to make effective and efficient use of available finance by reducing the potential transport costs that may arise if

catchment children could not be accommodated in their local schools. It also ensures that schools are efficiently staffed to meet the needs of local children.

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

Personnel: Within existing resources and, as stated, effective use of staffing resource.

Procurement: N/A

Council Strategic Plan: Excellent and Inclusive Education

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify. Yes.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report? Positive, reduces the likelihood of children having to attend a school out-with their catchment area.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage. The Poverty Related Attainment Gap is better addressed on a community basis, Ensuring children attend their local school supports this.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify: Yes, minimises transport to/from school.

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal? As above

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target? Yes, as above, children attending their local school reduces the need for transport.

Privacy and Data N/A
Protection Impacts:

4 Recommendations

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH RESERVED SPACES 2022/2023

	School Name	Total reserved places due
1	Alexandra Parade Primary School	1
2	Anderston Primary School	1
3	Annette Street Primary School	1
4	Antonine Primary School	4
5	Avenue End Primary School	4
6	Bankhead Primary School	1
7	Barmulloch Primary School	3
8	Battlefield Primary School	7
9	Blackfriars Primary School	7
10	Blairdardie Primary School	10
11	Bunsgoil Glasgow Gaelic School ⁽¹⁾	3
12	Camstradden Primary School	1
13	Carntyne Primary School	7
14	Castleton Primary School	1
15	Corpus Christi Primary School	2
16	Cuthbertson Primary School	10
17	Dalmarnock Primary School	3
18	Darnley Primary School	7
19	Dunard Primary School	9
20	Elmvale Primary School	4
21	Garnetbank Primary School	3
22	Garrowhill Primary School	7
23	Glendale Gaelic Primary School ⁽¹⁾	3
24	Glendale Primary School	4
25	Golfhill Primary School	1
26	Gowanbank Primary School	7
27	Highpark Primary School	1
28	Hillhead Primary School	2
29	Hillington Primary School	1
30	Holy Cross Primary School	2
31	Hyndland Primary School	3
32	Ibrox Primary School	1
33	John Paul II Primary School	7
34	Knightswood Primary School	2
35	Lorne Street Primary School	5
36	Notre Dame Primary School	8
37	Our Lady of Peace Primary School	10
38	Pollokshields Primary School	1

	School Name	Total reserved places due
39	Quarry Brae Primary School	10
40	Riverbank Primary School	10
41	Riverside Primary School	10
42	Sacred Heart Primary School	1
43	Sandwood Primary School	7
44	Scotstoun Primary School	1
45	St. Albert's Primary School	10
46	St. Angela's Primary School	4
47	St. Anne's Primary School	1
48	St. Bartholomew's Primary School	3
49	St. Benedict's Primary School	2
50	St. Bernard's Primary School	3
51	St. Brendan's Primary School	7
52	St. Bride's Primary School	1
53	St. Brigid's Primary School	1
54	St. Catherine's Primary School	1
55	St. Conval's Primary School	1
56	St. Fillan's Primary School	7
57	St. Francis' Primary School	8
58	St. George's Primary School	3
59	St. Joseph's Primary School	1
60	St. Maria Goretti Primary School	1
61	St. Marnock's Primary School	3
62	St. Mary's Primary School	1
63	St. Michael's Primary School	8
64	St. Monica's Primary School (south)	4
65	St. Mungo's Primary School	1
66	St. Ninian's Primary School	9
67	St. Patrick's Primary School	7
68	St. Roch's Primary School	1
69	St. Rose Of Lima Primary School	4
70	St. Thomas' Primary School	1
71	St. Timothy's Primary School	4
72	Sunnyside Primary School	7
73	Thorntree Primary School	3
74	Tinto Primary School	2
75	Toryglen Primary School	1
Total Reserved Places		303

Appendix 2

Example of use of Reserved Places.

School A

P1 Capacity set in November	66 (inclusive of 3 x reserved places)
Total catchment Enrolments by 16/07/2021	63
3 x Placing Request applications received	19/07/2021 – these were refused as only catchment reserved places were available.
3 x Catchment Enrolment requests received	05/08/2021 – as 3 x reserved catchment places still available these could be accommodated.

Appendix 3

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