

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: THE RESERVED PLACES LIST FOR SCHOOL SESSION 2015/16
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Reserved places are calculated annually for the purpose of determining how many places can be made available for:

- Placing Requests at each primary and secondary school.
- Non-catchment pupils at primary school nursery classes.

1.2. Legislation

Reserved places are defined in Section 28A(3C) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 as follows:

“ ‘reserved places’ means such number of places (not exceeding such number or, as the case may be, such percentage of places at the school or relating to the particular stage of education as may be prescribed by regulations) as are in the opinion of the education authority reasonably required to accommodate pupils likely to become resident in the catchment area of the school in the period from the time of consideration of the placing request up to and during the year from 1 August to which the placing request relates; and different numbers or, as the case may be, percentages may be prescribed under this subsection for the purpose of different cases or circumstances.”

In summary, this means that the Authority can reserve a reasonable number of places in each year group, at each school, as required for the coming/current school session only.

1.3. Falkirk Council Admissions Policy

The Falkirk Council Admissions Policy (November 2012) states that Education Services can refuse Placing Requests on the grounds that vacant places (where they exist) are reserved for children that are likely to move into a school catchment during the forthcoming or current school session.

1.4. Falkirk Council Early Learning and Childcare Admissions Policy

The Falkirk Council Early Learning and Childcare Admissions Policy (April 2015) states that Education Services can refuse a request to enrol a non-catchment pupil in a primary school nursery class on the grounds that vacant places (where they exist) are reserved for children that are likely to move into that school catchment during the forthcoming or current school session.

Nursery pupils are offered places in either the half-day morning or afternoon sessions. A "reserved place" can therefore be defined as a half-day place (amounting to the statutory allocation of 600 hours over the academic year) that could be either morning or afternoon, depending on availability.

1.5. Methodology – Primary and Secondary Reserved Places

The methodology for calculating Reserved Places was detailed in the report to the Education Committee in January 2012. In summary, the formula for calculating reserved places for each year group is as follows:

Reserved Places = 'Number of catchment pupils on the waiting list' + 'Estimated places required for new housing' + 'Estimated places required for pupils moving into the area'

1.6. Methodology - Nursery Reserved Places

The methodology for calculating Reserved Places was detailed in the report to the Education Committee in April 2015. In summary, the formula for calculating reserved places is as follows:

- 1 reserved place for every 20 half-day places based on the planned nursery class capacity for the coming school session.
- Plus, where applicable, 1 reserved place for every 20 new houses that are expected to be built up to and during the coming school session.

1.7. Placing requests are not normally granted where they would take up places reserved for pupils that are likely to move into the school catchment during the coming or current school session. The pupils living in the catchment area that are waiting for a place at a school are also added to the Reserved Places total.

1.8. This report provides the detailed Reserved Places List that has been calculated for the 2015/16 school session.

2. RESERVED PLACES LIST FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

2.1. The number of reserved places calculated for each school for school session 2015/2016 is as follows:

	Pupils on Reserve List	Est. pupils from new housing	Core Reserved Places Required (per year group)	Reserved Places by Year Group							Total Reserved Places
				P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	
Airth	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Antonine	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Avonbridge	0	0	n/a	1 per composite class							2
Bainsford	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Bankier	0	7	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
Bantaskin	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
Beancross	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
Blackness	0	0	n/a	1 per composite class							2
Bo'ness Public	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Bonnybridge	0	9	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	23
Bothkennar	0	0	n/a	1 per composite class							2
Bowhouse	1(P6)	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	15
California	0	0	n/a	1 per composite class							4
Carmuir	0	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	10
Carron	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
Carronshore	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
Comely Park	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
Deanburn	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
Denny	0	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	10
Drumbowie	0	0	n/a	1 per composite class							2
Dunipace	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Easter Carmuir	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Grange	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Hallglen	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
Head of Muir	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
Kinnaird	0	28	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	42
Kinneil	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Ladeside	1,1(P3,P4)	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	9
Langlees	0	6	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	13
Larbert Village	1(P5)	0	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	15
Laurieston	0	5	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	12
Limerigg	0	0	n/a	1 per composite class							2
Maddiston	0	8	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	22
Moray	2,1,1(P3, P4,P5)	0	2	2	2	4	3	3	2	2	18
Nethermains	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Sacred Heart	1(P2)	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	8

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Reserved Places List for Primary Schools continued...

	Pupils on Reserve List	Est. pupils from new housing	Core Reserved Places Required (per year group)	Reserved Places by Year Group							Total Reserved Places
				P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	
Shieldhill	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Slamannan	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
St Andrew's	4,1(P3,P5)	3	2	3	3	7	2	3	2	2	22
St Bernadette's	4(P3)	2	1	2	2	5	1	1	1	1	13
St Francis	1(P3)	0	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	15
St Joseph's	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
St Margaret's	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
St Mary's	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
St Patrick's	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Stenhousemuir	1,1(P2,P4)	0	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	16
Victoria	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	14
Wallacestone	0	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	21
Westquarter	1,1(P3,P5)	25	1	5	5	6	5	5	4	4	34
Whitecross	0	0	n/a	1 per composite class							2
Total for all primary schools	23	98									585

3. RESERVED PLACES LIST FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

	Pupils on Reserve List	Estimated pupils from new housing	Core Reserved Places Required (per year group)	Reserved Places by Year Group				Total Reserved Places
				S1	S2	S3	S4	
Bo'ness Academy	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	4
Braes HS	0	4	1	2	2	2	2	8
Denny HS	0	4	2	3	3	3	3	12
Falkirk HS	0	4	2	3	3	3	3	12
Graeme HS	0	16	2	6	6	6	6	24
Grangemouth HS	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	4
Larbert HS	0	16	3	7	7	7	7	28
St Mungo's HS	0	n/a	5	5	5	5	5	20
Total for all secondary schools	0	44						112

Reserved places are not calculated or held for year groups S5 and S6.

4. RESERVED PLACES LIST FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY CLASSES

The number of reserved places calculated for each nursery for school session 2015/2016 is as follows:

Session 2015/16 PS Nursery Class	Operational Capacity			Core Reserved Places	Additional Reserved places for New Housing	Total Reserved Places
	am	pm	Total Places			
Falkirk						
Bainsford	30	30	60	3	1	4
Bantaskin	30	30	60	3	0	3
Carmuir	20	20	40	2	0	2
Comely Park	40	40	80	4	0	11
Easter Carmuir	20	20	40	2	0	2
Langlees	30	30	60	3	0	3
St Francis	30	30	60	3	1	4
Denny						
Antonine	30	30	60	3	0	3
Bankier	30	30	60	3	0	3
Bonnybridge	30	30	60	3	2	5
Denny	30	30	60	3	1	4
Dunipace	30	30	60	3	0	3
Head of Muir	30	30	60	3	0	3
Nethermains	30	30	60	3	0	3
St Joseph's	20	20	40	2	0	2
St Patrick's	30	30	60	3	0	3
Larbert						
Airth	20	20	40	2	0	2
Carron	30	30	60	3	0	3
Carronshore	40	40	80	4	0	4
Kinnaird	70	70	140	7	5	12
Ladeside	30	30	60	3	0	3
Larbert Village	30	30	60	3	0	3
Stenhousemuir	30	30	60	3	0	3
St. Bernadette's	20	20	40	2	1	3
Braes						
Avonbridge	20	0	20	1	0	1
California	20	0	20	1	0	1
Maddiston	57	57	114	6	2	8
Shieldhill	30	30	60	3	0	3
Wallacestone	60	60	120	6	0	6

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Reserved Places List for Nursery Classes continued...

Session 2015/16 PS Nursery Class	Operational Capacity			Core Reserved Places	Additional Reserved places for New Housing	Total Reserved Places
	am	pm	Total Places			
Graeme						
Hallglen	40	40	80	4	1	5
Laurieston	20	20	40	2	0	2
St Andrew's	30	30	60	3	1	4
St Margaret's	40	40	80	4	0	4
Victoria	30	30	60	3	0	3
Westquarter	40	40	80	4	4	8
Whitecross	20	0	20	1	0	1
Bo'ness						
Bo'ness	30	30	60	3	0	3
Deanburn	30	30	60	3	0	3
Grange	30	30	60	3	0	3
Kinneil	30	30	60	3	0	3
St Mary's	30	30	60	3	0	3
Grangemouth						
Beancross	40	40	60	4	0	4
Bowhouse	20	20	40	2	0	2
Moray	30	30	60	3	0	3
Sacred Heart	30	30	60	3	0	3
All Nursery Classes	1407	1347	2754	138	19	157

5. SUMMARY OF REPORT

5.1. Members are invited to note the Reserved Places List for each school for school session 2015/2016



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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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