
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date: 06 May 2014
Report By:	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development	Report No: EDUCOM/41/14/WB
Contact Officer:	Wilma Bain, Head of Education	Contact No: 01475 712824
Subject:	Admissions and Placing Requests for Primary 1 and Secondary 1 pupils in School Session 2014 / 15	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Committee with the details of the decisions agreed by the Pupil Placement Panel relating to Admissions and Placing Requests for school session 2014 / 15 affecting Primary 1 and Secondary 1 pupils.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The annual exercise has been carried out to identify the number of children from their defined catchment areas who will start Primary 1 and Secondary 1 in August 2014, together with those for whom placing requests were made.
- 2.2 This process consists of determining the allocation of places in accordance with the Council's Admissions and Placing Request Policy together with the policy on class sizes in Primary 1.
- 2.3 The pupil placement panel was set up and comprised the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development, Head of Legal and Property Services, Head of Property Assets and Facilities Management, Head of Education, Quality Improvement Manager and Policy & Commissioning Team Leader.
- 2.4 The Head of Education made recommendations which were scrutinised by the pupil placement panel. The decisions are detailed in appendix 1 and 2.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the admissions and placing requests granted for the school session 2014 / 15.

Patricia Cassidy
Corporate Director
Education, Communities & Organisational Development

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Admission and Placing Request policy was approved by the Committee in November 2009.
- 4.2 Following the pupil placement exercise, it was determined that all defined catchment pupils could be accommodated in their catchment school.
- 4.3 We received 140 placing requests for primary pupils to attend schools other than their catchment school (see appendix 1). 87 placing requests were received for secondary pupils (see appendix 2).
- 4.4 After reviewing the impact of the placing requests on Primary Schools, it was determined that all placing requests could be granted.
- 4.5 Following the pupil placement exercise in Secondary Schools, it was concluded that all defined catchment pupils could be accommodated. On consideration of all placing requests, it was identified that 1 school (Notre Dame High School) was over subscribed.
- 4.6 The Council's priorities for placing requests were applied and the result was as follows :

Notre Dame High School

After accommodating all defined catchment area children, there were 31 places available. 35 placing requests were received. 13 places were allocated to siblings and the remaining 18 were allocated in accordance with distance from the school. The remaining 4 placing requests were refused in accordance with council policy.

- 4.7 The Pupil Placement Panel was convened on 2 April 2014 to scrutinise the recommendations of the Head of Education and to ensure the criteria had been applied appropriately.
- 4.8 The Panel, having considered all recommendations, decided that the criteria had been properly applied and agreed the recommendations made by the Head of Education.
- 4.9 The decisions were intimated to parents in advance of the statutory deadline of 30 April 2014. The parents of those pupils who were refused a place have the option to appeal the decisions to the Education Appeals Committee and, if unsuccessful, to appeal further to the Sheriff.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 5.1 There are no financial implications.

Legal

- 5.2 There are no legal implications.

HR

- 5.3 There are no HR implications.

Equalities

- 5.4 Equality is embedded in our Admissions and Placing Request policy.

Repopulation

- 5.5 There are no repopulation implications/issues arising from this report.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 Consultation has taken place with the Pupil Placement Panel.

7.0 CONCLUSION

7.1 The admissions and placing requests granted for school session 2014/15 are noted by the Committee.

Catchment Secondary New S1 Pupils detailing Placing Requests and associated Primary School detail

Information across the columns (whilst) indicates the secondary school the pupils will attend if placing requests are granted from the catchment schools which are listed in the first column. (Yellow) indicates the primary school attending eg Clydeview Academy - 33 placing requests in; 25 from Inverclyde Academy; 3 from PGHS and 5 from St Columba's. These showing respective Primary - 1 from Ayr; 10 from Ardgowan; 4 from Gourock, etc.

KEY TO THE COLUMNS

Catchment Secondary	No of Catchment Pupils	Placing Requests (PR In / PR Out)	Total Placing Requests (PR In / PR Out)	Clydeview Academy	Inverclyde Academy	New Dune High School	Port Glasgow High School	St Columba's High School	St Stephen's High School	Out of Authority (OA)	Ayr	Ardgowan	Gourock	Inverclyde	Kilwinning	New Dune	Port Glasgow	St Columba's	St Stephen's	St Andrew's	St Francis	St John's	St Joseph's	St Mary's	St Martin's	St Nicholas	Wharfedale	Widened Authority	Total Placing Requests	Included in PR	Out of Authority	Waiting Out of Area	Number of Pupils in Waiting List														
																																		PR In	PR Out	PR In	PR Out	PR In	PR Out	PR In	PR Out	PR In	PR Out	PR In	PR Out	PR In	PR Out
Clydeview Academy	112	PR In 33 PR Out 5	PR In 33 PR Out 5	1	2			5						4	1	2	7										4		33	14.0	1																
Inverclyde Academy	208	PR In 25 PR Out 16	PR In 25 PR Out 16	2	25	16	7	1						4		8	2	7									16		53	116	3	7															
North Duna High School	110	PR In 55 PR Out 6	PR In 55 PR Out 6	2	15			17	1							2											15		35	6	144																
Port Glasgow High School	95	PR In 10 PR Out 3	PR In 10 PR Out 3		7											1	7										7		10	94	7																
St Columba's High School	155	PR In 7 PR Out 17	PR In 7 PR Out 17		1	6																							7																		
St Stephen's High School	85	PR In 1 PR Out 1	PR In 1 PR Out 1																										1																		
Out of Authority		PR In PR Out	PR In PR Out	See above (included in PGHS - 2 and St Stephen's - 1)																																											
OTHER																																															
Captain Cook	10																																														
Lincoln	1																																														
Total	736																												10	740	11	2	11														
Catchment school																																															

..... Total placing requests in to each establishment named above

INFO ONLY

OUT OF AUTHORITY - Clydeview Academy - 1 catchment pupil going to Glasgow Gaelic School (from Wharfedale Primary)
 OUT OF AUTHORITY - Inverclyde Academy - 3 catchment pupils going to Glasgow Gaelic School (from Wharfedale Primary) and 2 moving OUT OF AREA (Enniscorthy, Alice and Inverclyde)
 OUT OF AUTHORITY - Port Glasgow High School - 7 catchment pupils all from Kilwinning Primary (4 going to Clyde High School / 3 applied to private school)
 OUT OF AUTHORITY - St Stephen's High School - 1 catchment pupil from Kilwinning Primary (4 going to Clyde High School / 3 applied to private school)
 2 Out of Authority Placing requests in to PGHS (1 from BoW Primary and 1 Kilwinning Primary)
 1 Out of Authority Placing request in to St Stephen's High School from St John's Primary