

REPORT TO: Education Committee

MEETING DATE: 12 March 2013

BY; Executive Director (Services for People)

SUBJECT: St Mary's RC Primary School:
Roll capping P1 for session 2013/14

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Committee to approve the capping of primary one at St Mary's RC Primary School for session 2013/14.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To roll cap the number of pupils admitted to P1 in session 2013/14 to a maximum of 20 pupils.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The school has the capacity to accommodate five classes.
- 3.2 The Education Committee agreed in March 2012 to the capping of the whole school from August 2012 onwards at a maximum of 125 pupils.
- 3.2 The five class organisation at the school normally consists of five composite classes with the capacity to accommodate 25 pupils in each class. This means a maximum of 125 pupils can be accommodated within the school.
- 3.3 The projected school rolls, capacities and house building within the catchment areas have been taken into account when considering the maximum number of places available for P1 pupils for session 2013/14.
- 3.4 If the number of pupils for P1 exceeds a maximum of 20 pupils the school would not have capacity within the school, in future years, to accommodate all expected pupils.
- 3.5 If the number of pupils for P1 exceeds a maximum of 20 pupils the school may not have sufficient space to accommodate all denominational pupils in future years.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no policy implications in this report for the Council.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

If the roll of P1 class is not capped at a maximum of 20 pupils for 2013/14:

6.1 Financial – It would give rise to significant public expenditure in having to extend or otherwise alter the accommodation or facilities provided in the school. It would make it necessary for the authority to employ additional teaching staff.

6.2 Personnel – It would make it necessary for the authority to employ additional teaching staff.

6.3 Other – If the P1 class exceeds a maximum of 20 pupils in 2013/14 the school may not have sufficient space to accommodate all denominational pupils in future years.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None

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