

REPORT TO: Education Committee

MEETING DATE: 21 March 2017

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

SUBJECT: St Gabriel's RC Primary School:
Roll capping P1 for session 2017/18

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Committee to approve the capping of P1 at St Gabriel's RC Primary School for session 2017/18.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:-
- i. Roll cap the number of pupils admitted to P1 in session 2017/18 to a maximum of 30 pupils.
 - ii. Delegate any changes to the roll capping to the Head of Education in consultation with the Education Convener, should the number of baptised pupils requiring a place at the school fall below 25 before placing requests are confirmed.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Legislation and teachers terms and conditions dictate that the maximum number of children than can be accommodated within primary one to primary seven are as follows:

P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7
25	30	30	33	33	33	33

Composite classes, which are a mix of pupils from different primary stages, have a capacity to accommodate 25 pupils.

- 3.2 The number of primary one pupils baptised in the catholic faith exceeds the maximum of 25 for primary one. The number of pupils expected to continue on in P2 to P7 means that the classes cannot be organised within

the available classrooms to accommodate all the baptised primary one pupils.

- 3.3 To accommodate more than 25 primary one pupils an additional teacher will be allocated for 2017/18 only.
- 3.4 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 2017/18.
- 3.5 If the number of pupils for P1 entry in 2017/18 exceeds 30 pupils, the school would not have capacity, in future years, to accommodate expected pupils.
- 3.6 In addition, if the number of pupils for P1 exceeds a maximum of 30 pupils the school may not have sufficient space to accommodate all denominational pupils in future years.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

If the roll capping of St Gabriel's RC Primary School primary one to a maximum of 30 pupils is not agreed for session 2017/18 it could result in additional classroom space and teaching staff being required to accommodate all denominational pupils in future years.

- 6.1 Financial – None
- 6.2 Personnel – None
- 6.3 Other – None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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