

55651 Mothballed Education Settings

I am currently investigating the use of mothballing in councils across Scotland. As part of this, I would like to request that you release information on settings that have been mothballed in your area since June 2015.

I have attached a spreadsheet that I would ask you to use to respond to my request. It includes a number of fields, each of which is explained below:

Name of setting - the name of the school or nursery

Location - the city, town, village or settlement in which the school or nursery is located

Type - ELC (nursery), primary, or secondary school, or a combined ELC and primary

Date mothballed - the month and year in which the mothballing of the setting in question was confirmed

Date of last review - the month and year in which the most recent review of the status of the mothballed setting was carried out

Date reopened - where applicable, the date on which a previously mothballed setting was reopened

Available for application - whether or not the mothballed setting is included as an option that parents can choose when applying for a school or nursery place for their child

Current status - either opened, permanently closed, open but under review, or mothballed

Any additional information - as stated

(Please note that where a setting has been mothballed, reopened, and then mothballed again I would like you to include a new entry for each instance of mothballing.)

Mothballing (unlike a closure) does not require statutory approval and is done on the basis that an establishment's roll has fallen so low that it is not presently viable. The expectation is that the establishment will be re-opened in the future once the number of pupils in the area increases.

There have been no educational settings mothballed since June 2015.