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For the August 2025 intake at Victoria Primary School in Newhaven, please can you tell me:

How many out-of-catchment children with Sibling Priority were given a P1 space?

Three children with siblings have been allocated from the waiting list.

How many out-of-catchment children without Sibling Priority were given a P1 space?

Three children without siblings have been allocated from the waiting list.

How many out-of-catchment children with Sibling Priority were not given a P1 space? Please include children given a space through the appeals process within these numbers.

Two children with siblings have not been allocated to Victoria Primary for 2025 session.

The maximum number of children that there is physical space for in P1 at Victoria Primary School in Newhaven?

The P1 area at Victoria Primary School has the physical space for up to 103 pupils (based on 1.7 sqm per pupil).

The maximum number of children that is legally allowed in P1 at Victoria Primary School with 2 teachers?

The primary 1 class size limit is set at 25 pupils per class, however, there is legislation that permits this limit to be exceeded in specific circumstances.

The Education (Lower Primary Class Sizes) (Scotland) Regulations 1999, and subsequent amendments, allow for independent Placing Appeal Panels to grant additional pupils places, without their decision resulting in Local Authorities incurring additional staffing costs.

The Appeal Panel that heard the Victoria Primary school placing appeals on 29th May this year, upheld four placing appeals, granting those children places at the school.

This decision means that, provided those children are still on roll and do not leave during the year, Victoria Primary School can legally have up to 54 children for session 2025/26 with two teaching staff. The split of the children amongst the two classes would be decided in school.