

60936 Placing Request Decisions for Canaan Lane Primary

Class organisation and capacity for P1 (2026/27)

The planned class structure for P1 August 2026 (number of classes).

[Two Primary 1 classes and a P1/2 composite class](#)

The school's maximum working capacity for P1 and the thresholds applied.

[Intake limit of 59 set based on there being 45 pupils in the current P1 moving into P2 and allowing for one reserved place per class.](#)

Internal guidance or criteria used in determining when a new P1 class or composite must be created.

[Composite classes are generally created where there are imbalances in pupil numbers, for example, if one-year group has too many pupils to form a single class and the neighbouring year group is smaller, a composite may be possible.](#)

Reserved places For Canaan Lane Primary

The number of reserved places for P1 for August 2026.

[One place per class where possible, more in exceptional circumstances](#)

The associated evidence used to determine this is a reasonable requirement.

[Information is not routinely collected, one place per class is set out in our Admissions in Mainstream Schools Policy \[7.7 School Admissions and Appeals Policy.pdf\]\(#\)](#)

Associated documents or reports relating to the calculation of reserved spaces for this intake.

[Please see above](#)

Distance measurement methodology - shortest, safest walking distance please provide.

The official written methodology used to calculate the shortest safest walking distance for P1 placing requests.

- [Route Measurement Guide](#)

Confirm the calculation is from the main door of the home at ground level to the nearest gate of the school.

- [Route Measurement Guide](#)

Evidence supporting refusal grounds for P1 entry into Canaan Lane P1 relating to: 'The authority would require employing another Teacher'. Please disclose:

Internal analysis showing how one more additional P1 pupil for August 2026 at Canaan Lane would trigger an additional teacher or new class.

Exceeding the intake limit of 59 would require the formation of a third P1 class, necessitating an additional P1 teacher. Primary 1 classes are capped at 25 pupils each as are composite classes, the composite class can only accommodate a further 9 P1 pupils to remain within the class size maxima of 25 pupils and retain one reserved place.

'Likely to be seriously detrimental to the Education or wellbeing of the pupils' please disclose:

Any internal assessment, capacity analysis, space calculations or risk assessments used to justify this refusal ground.

This is addressed by Scottish Government guidance on class sizes. Refusal of a place is based on these grounds

[2. Purpose and Scope of Guidance - Determining primary school capacity: guidance for local authorities - gov.scot](#)

Any policies defining how 'serious detrimental' is measured in the context of P1 placement requests.

Recommended class sizes are set by Scottish Government and covered in the CEC admissions policy.

CEC Admissions Policy:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1146101/admissions-to-mainstream-schools-policy>

Also see attached guidance.