

61715 - P1 Admissions at St Mark's RC Primary School

Confirmation of how the waiting list is ranked.

Where possible places are reserved for incoming catchment.

It is not always possible to do this especially in Roman Catholic schools.

Generally, the priority order is as below.

Within each category, distance is used.

Children are placed on the waiting list depending on the route measurement from home to school. So, the nearer you are to the school, the further up the list the child would be.

1.1.1 Children who are baptised in the Roman Catholic faith.

1.1.2 Children who are not baptised in the Roman Catholic faith, with an older sibling attending the requested school in the next session.

1.1.3 Children who are not baptised in the Roman Catholic faith, without an older sibling attending the requested school in the next session.

1.1.4 Children not living in the catchment area, with an older sibling attending the requested school in the next session.

1.1.5 Children not living in the catchment area, without an older sibling attending the requested school in the next session.

1.1.6 Children resident outside the City of Edinburgh Council area.

Confirmation of whether places are reserved for children moving into the catchment area after initial P1 allocations, and if so:

How many places are reserved

When any unused reserved places are released.

Where possible places are reserved for incoming catchment. It is not always possible to do this especially in Roman Catholic schools. The priority order is as below. Within each category, distance is used.

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For a class of 25, one place should be reserved for incoming catchment children. They are not released to non-catchment until the school are able to hold one place for incoming catchment children.

For the last three academic years:

The number of pupils admitted to P1 after the initial allocation.

How many of these were due to families moving into the catchment.

Whether any pupils were admitted above the stated capacity.

The number of pupils admitted to P1 after the initial allocation –
by the start of session 23 places were allocated.

(Please note waiting lists are passed to the school at the start of session.)

In 2025 – by the start of session 23 places were allocated- 2 incoming catchment were granted before the start of session.

In 2024 - by the start of session 25 places were allocated – 4 incoming catchment children were granted before the start of session.

In 2023 - by the start of session 17 places were allocated – 2 incoming catchment children were granted before the start of session.

Pupils would not be admitted if it exceeded the intake of 25 unless on appeal. This has not happened in the past three years at St Mark's RC Primary.

The stated P1 capacity for each of the last three academic years and the actual number enrolled.

The intake limits are set in January are based on the number of Baptised RC children in the catchment area, thereafter priority is allocated in the order detailed in Q1. In each of the three years, the intake has been set at 25.

The following links to the Scottish Government Guidance, the CEC website and our admissions policy may be useful:

- [School admissions, curriculum and qualifications - Schools - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/topics/education/school-admissions)
- [Apply for a school place – The City of Edinburgh Council](https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/apply-for-a-school-place)
- [Admissions to Mainstream Schools Policy - Policy register – The City of Edinburgh Council](https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/admissions-to-mainstream-schools-policy)