

63806 James Gillespie's High School S1 intake August 2026

Please provide the following aggregated and anonymised information for James Gillespie's High School relating to the S1 intake beginning in August 2026:

Please note that the figures refer to the situation at the time when waiting lists were passed to the school just before the start of session in August 2026.

Numbers can vary after the start of session and beyond. James Gillespie's High School is required to have eight spaces for incoming catchment children before allocating to non-catchment.

Please provide the total number of S1 pupils allocated or accepted into James Gillespie's High School who were:

Resident within the school catchment area.

319. This includes 58 pupils who attended the Gaelic primary school Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce. The catchment area for the Gaelic school is considered as city of Edinburgh and the Lothians.

Resident outside the school catchment area

9 non-catchment children were granted from the waiting list (this included six granted on appeal).

Please provide the number of applications or placing requests received:

By the normal/on-time deadline.

28 placing requests were received up to 24/12/25.

After the normal deadline.

After the late-application deadline, if separately recorded.

5 placing requests were received after 24/12/25.

For applications received by the normal deadline, please state:

How many were offered or accepted.

Two placing requests(non-catchment) were granted from the waiting list in May 2026.

How many were refused.

At the initial allocation in March, 31 placing requests were refused.

How many were placed on the waiting list.

All 31 placing requests refused were placed on the waiting list.

For late applications or late placing requests, please state:

How many were offered or accepted.

How many were refused.

How many were placed on the waiting list.

Five late placing requests were received; all were refused and placed on the waiting list.

Please provide the number of pupils on the James Gillespie's High School S1 waiting list:

Immediately after the initial allocation process.

In March, 31 placing requests were refused.

At the latest date for which figures are available.

At the start of session, before waiting lists were passed to schools, a total of 29 placing requests were refused.

Immediately before the start of the August 2026 school session, if available.

Information not held.

Please provide waiting-list figures separately, where held, for:

In-catchment applicants.

Before the waiting lists were sent to schools at the start of session, five late catchment children were placed on the waiting list. These requests were received after the catchment deadline of 24/12/25.

Out-of-catchment applicants.

Before the waiting lists were sent to schools at the start of session, 29 non-catchments were on the waiting lists and five late catchment children.

On-time applications.

A total of 24 placing requests were received up to 24/12/25.

Late applications.

Five late placing requests were received after 24/12/25.

Please state how many pupils originally placed on the waiting list:

Subsequently received an offer of a place at James Gillespie's High School.

Accepted that offer.

Were offered a place before the first day of the August 2026 school session.

Up to the start of session, two placing requests were granted from the waiting list.

Were offered a place after the first day of the August 2026 school session.

Information not held.

Please provide the number of waiting-list offers broken down, if recorded, by:

In-catchment status.

Five late catchment requests (after 24/12/25) were placed on the waiting list up to the start of session.

Out-of-catchment status.

A total of 29 non-catchment children were placed on the waiting list up to the start of session.

Sibling priority.

Five children with siblings in attendance were refused.

Exceptional-circumstances priority.

One child was granted exceptionality by the Pupil Student Support Committee in February 2026, prioritised on the waiting list and was subsequently granted in March from the list.

Six children were granted places on appeal as the panel considered them to have exceptional circumstances.

Other published priority category.

Children are generally placed on the waiting list in the following order:

- Children considered to have exceptional circumstances agreed by the Pupil Student Support Committee.
- Children with siblings in attendance.
- Children living within City of Edinburgh Council area.
- Children living outwith the City of Edinburgh Council area.

Please confirm the date used by the Council to define:

An on-time application.

The catchment deadline is 24/12/25.

A late application.

An application received after the late-application deadline.

Late applications are those received after 24/12/25.

Please confirm whether “accepted” means:

“Accepted” means that the parent agreed to the offer of a place at the school. Pupils are considered provisional until they attend the school and are fully enrolled.

A place was offered.

The offer was formally accepted by the parent.

The pupil actually enrolled and started at the school.

If the final figures for the first day of term are not yet available, please provide the latest figures currently held and explain when the final figures are expected to become available. If the Council does not hold the information in exactly this format, please provide the nearest equivalent figures held and explain the categories used.

Allocations/offers made at and after the start of session are dealt with by individual schools.