

64559 P1 admissions to St Catherine's RC Primary School for 2026/27

How many P1 children living within the St Catherine's RC catchment applied for a place, and how many were:

The intake at St Catherine's RC Primary was set at 25 in January 2026.

Roman Catholic baptised.

8.

Not Roman Catholic baptised.

17.

Of each group above, how many were allocated a place and how many were refused?

At the initial allocation in March 2026, all 8 baptised Roman Catholic children were granted a place. 5 catchment (non-baptised Roman Catholic) children refused and were subsequently granted a place between May and July 2026.

For non-Roman-Catholic catchment children who were allocated a place, how many:

Had a sibling already attending St Catherine's.

All 5 children with siblings in attendance and in the St Catherine's RC catchment area were granted places in March 2026.

Had no sibling already attending.

8 children with no siblings in attendance, and in the St Catherine's RC catchment area, were granted in March 2026. A further 4 children were subsequently granted between May and July 2026.

How many P1 places were available, and what was the final P1 intake?

At the start of session in 2026, before the waiting lists were sent to schools, the intake remained at 25. All five catchment children initially refused were subsequently granted. One place for an incoming catchment child was also required.

If distance was used to decide between applicants of the same priority, please provide the furthest distance at which a place was offered to a non-Roman-Catholic catchment child, if recorded.

The furthest distance from home to school for a non-Roman Catholic catchment child that was granted a place at St Catherine's RC was 1,313 metres for the session beginning in August 2026.

The waiting list priority is normally:

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

- Children not living in the catchment area, with an older sibling attending the requested school in the next session.
- Children not living in the catchment area, without an older sibling attending the requested school in the next session.
- Children resident outside the City of Edinburgh Council area.

Within each category, distance from home to school determines the position on any waiting list. Therefore, the nearer to the school the higher on any waiting list a child will be.

If available, please provide the same figures for 2024/25 and 2025/26, so that I can see whether the pattern is recognizable.

For 2025 session:

The intake at St Catherine's RC Primary was set at 25 in January 2025.

At the initial allocation in March 2025, this included 13 baptised Roman Catholic children in the catchment area by 24/12/24 and 12 non-baptised.

All 13 baptised Roman Catholic children in the catchment area by 24/12/24 were granted and 4 catchment (non-baptised Roman Catholic) children were refused.

Three children with siblings in attendance and in the St Catherine's RC catchment area were granted places in March 2025. Nine children with no siblings in attendance and in the St Catherine's RC catchment area were granted in March 2025.

At the start of session in 2025, before the waiting lists were sent to schools, the intake remained at 25. Three catchment non-Baptised Roman Catholic children were refused. There were no reserved places.

The furthest distance from home to school for a non-Roman Catholic catchment child that was granted a place at St Catherine's RC was 3,200 metres for the session beginning in August 2025.

For 2024 session:

The intake at St Catherine's RC Primary was set at 25 in January 2024.

At the initial allocation in March 2024, this included nine baptised-Roman Catholic children in the catchment area by 24/12/23 and 16 non-baptised.

Four children with siblings in attendance and in the St Catherine's RC catchment area were granted places in March 2024. Five children with no siblings in attendance and in the St Catherine's RC catchment area were granted in March 2024.

At the start of session in 2024, before the waiting lists were sent to schools, the intake remained at 25. The school had the one required reserved place for an incoming catchment child.

All catchment children were granted a place in March, and therefore distance was not required to be calculated.