ENROLMENT IN NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOR 2018/2019

Primary

Children who reach the age of 5 on or before 13 August 2018, must normally start school in August 2018. Children who reach the age of 5 after 13 August 2018, but on or before 28 February 2019, may also start school in August 2018, though parents are not obliged to send their child to school until the first entry date after their fifth birthday.

Parents of children in either of these categories are asked to enrol their child at their catchment school before 26 January 2018.

Choice of School

Parents have the right to make a placing request for the school they wish their child to attend. This applies whether the child is about to start school or whether he/she is already attending a primary, secondary or additional support needs school. Parents wishing to send their child to a school other than the catchment school should apply to the school of their choice as soon as possible and, in any case, before 15 March 2018. Parents must also enrol their child at their catchment school to ensure a place is available if a placing request application is refused.

Headteachers will provide information to parents on how to make a placing request for the school of their choice. In the case of children starting school for the first time 'Choosing a School – A Guide for Parents' is available online at www.scotland.gov.uk. Individual school booklets will be provided by the Headteacher of individual schools and can be accessed online at www.fifedirect.org.uk. School catchment areas can be viewed online at www.fifedirect.org.uk/catchmentchecker.

Nursery

The parents/carers of children who reach the age of 3 on or before 28 February 2019 can apply for a place in a Fife Council nursery. Those wishing to make an application must do so before 31 January 2018. Nursery places are allocated in line with Fife Council's Early Years Admissions Policy. Application forms are available from all Fife Council nursery establishments and at www.fifedirect.org.uk/nurseryadmissionsform. Applications should be made for children due to commence nursery at any point in the following academic year and be submitted to the nursery of first choice. Proof of address and a birth certificate or passport must be presented. Please note that even though your child may not be entitled to start nursery until January 2019 or April 2019 you must apply for a place now. All places are allocated by an Admissions Panel and places will be offered in writing by 31 March 2018.

General information about schools in the Fife area may be obtained by contacting Education Service on 01592 583372.