

Public Consultation Meeting

Admissions Policy Consultation

Date: 4 June 2026

Start Time: 18:07 End Time: 18:33

Venue: Cumbernauld Academy

Notes/Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Present:

B Smedley	Chief Officer, Education (North)
T O'Hagan	Senior Education and Families Manager
A Henry	Senior Education and Families Manager
M Dolan (MD)	Education and Families Manager (North)
V Sherry	Education and Families Manager (North)
M McGorry	Project Manager – Learning Environment
L Macpherson	Project Coordinator – Learning Environment (notes)
D Lees	Project Coordinator – Learning Environment (notes)

Q Question

A Answer

S Statement

MD welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the panel, MD explained the reason for the proposal and outlined the statutory process. MD then presented the proposal to staff and opened the floor for questions

Q Is there anyway of pre-empting in advance that a school will be over-subscribed? The proposal specifically mentions Dalziel and St Ambrose, are there any others?

A The two schools were used as examples as there are a number of schools across the authority that are at capacity. The school roll information is published by Scottish Government on their website annually.

Q Is any consideration given to a child's needs such as a reason for a particular school in the child's GIRFME plan?

A This consultation is for mainstream only, placements are based on the school's capacity.

- Q** Who do I get in contact with to get help with travel to mainstream schools?
School have stated that it is not them and to contact Education.
- A** There is an email address on the website however, someone will be available to speak to you at the end of the meeting.
- Q** When my son is due to start school, will he have priority as he will have an older sibling at the school.
- A** Yes
- Q** How do you determine catchment area?

I thought my catchment was North Lanarkshire. My children go to a school nearest my home but it is not their catchment school.
- A** There are a few variables used by the council's Forward Planning team to determine catchment areas such as post code and population numbers. There is a page on the council website where you can put in your postcode and it will show you your catchment schools. There are areas where people live on the boundaries of catchments and their catchment school is further than the nearest school.

There are no plans at the present time to amend catchment areas.
- Q** I have just moved in the Cumbernauld area my daughter is currently at Coatbridge High School, the catchment school is Greenfaulds/OLHS and not Cumbernauld Academy, Do I have to register my daughter at her catchment school then apply for placing request or do I apply direct for placing request from her current school?
- A** There are two ways either register from catchment or apply directly for a placing request, happy to speak to you after the meeting.
- Q** What's the turnaround for placing request?
- A** All submissions must be completed by 15 March and parents/carers notified by 30 April, if the proposal is accepted we would hope to inform parents/carers earlier.
- Q** Is there anywhere we can see historical data on schools, maybe the last 3 or 4 years?
- A** A FOI can be submitted requesting the information.

MD closed meeting with the agreement of all stakeholders and again encouraged stakeholders to send in their comments, views and questions to the mailboxes. The

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document will be updated on the website to reflect stakeholders' comments, questions and views.