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**Consultation on the Proposal
to amend
School Admission Policy :
Placing Requests & Exclusions
June 2026**

Proposal to amend the School Admissions Policy: Placing Requests & Exclusions (mainstream)



**Public Meeting:
6-8pm**

This proposal is subject to statutory consultation that includes 40 school days

Period of Consultation

- 5th May 2026 – 14th August 2026 (inclusive)
- Consultation information was issued to stakeholders and made available on Council website at:
<http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/your-community/working-communities/consultations/live-consultations>

Statutory Consultation Process

Consultation period
closes on
14 August 2026

HMIE sends its
report on its
findings by Friday
18 September

Council publishes
Final Outcome
Report including
HMIE Report 19
October 2026

After a further period
of reflection, the
Council makes a
formal decision on
the proposal at
Committee on 17
November 2026

Supporting Documents

- 1.1 Scottish Government – [Determining Primary School Capacity](#)
- 1.2 United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child –
[Scottish Government UNCRC](#)
- 1.3 [St Ambrose High School Revision of Admission Arrangements Oct 2005](#)
- 1.4 [Dalziel High School delineation Nov 1996](#)
- 1.5 [School placing requests and appeals: information for parents](#)
- 1.6 [School placing requests and appeal hearings - guidance for local authorities
- gov.scot](#)

Purpose of Meeting

To outline the
proposal via
presentation

To answer
questions
regarding the
proposal

To gather
comments and
views on the
proposal

Proposals

Proposal to amend the
School Admissions Policy:
Placing Requests &
Exclusions.

Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Education (Lower Primary Class
Sizes) (Scotland) Regulations
1999

Schools General (Scotland)
Regulations 1975

Guidance – Scottish Government

There are reasons for this
proposal.....

Reasons for Proposal

To align the Service Admissions Policy to Primary & Secondary establishments

To allow more effective management of placing requests.

To align associated primary school progression, congruent with applications.

To create a more efficient process to inform parent/carers timeously.

Clear application process for children requesting specialist education provision, e.g GME, Condorrat Primary School , Tollbrae Primary School, Greenfaulds High School 2.5

To align with children services policy, e.g United Nations Convention of Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

Reasons for Proposal (Primary Mainstream)

To allow more effective management of placing requests to the school the following priority order for admission to the school is being proposed:

- (a) children who live in the catchment area, including any who previously could not be accommodated in the school, and children with a specialist request as per section 2.5.
- (b) children who live **out with** the catchment area but within the North Lanarkshire Council area in accordance with the following priorities:
 - 1. those children with a specialist request as per section 2.5 that can only be accommodated within the requested school.
 - 2. those children who have older siblings, in attendance at the school at the time the application for a place in Primary 1 takes effect.

Reasons for Proposal (Primary Mainstream)

(c) children who live **out with** the North Lanarkshire Council area in accordance with the following priorities:

1. those children with a specialist request as per section 2.5 that can only be accommodated within the requested school.
2. those children who have older siblings, in attendance at the school at the time the application for a place in Primary 1 takes effect.

Once applications have been considered, and if there are still more requests than places available, these will be allocated by ballot. The ballot will follow the admission priorities listed above.

Reasons for Proposal *(Secondary Mainstream)*

To allow more effective management of placing requests to the school the following priority order for admission to the school is being proposed:

- (a) children who live in the catchment area, including any who previously could not be accommodated in the school, and children with a specialist request as per section 2.5.
- (b) children who live **out with** the catchment area but within the North Lanarkshire Council area in accordance with the following priorities:
 - 1. those children with a specialist request as per section 2.5 that can only be accommodated within the requested school.
 - 2. those children who have older siblings, in attendance at the school at the time the application for a place in Secondary 1 takes effect.
 - 3. those children who attend an associated primary that live out with the secondary catchment area.

Reasons for Proposal *(Secondary Mainstream)*

- (c) children who live **out with** the North Lanarkshire Council area in accordance with the following priorities:
1. those children with a specialist request as per section 2,5 that can only be accommodated within the requested school.
 2. those children who have older siblings, in attendance at the school at the time the application for a place in Secondary 1 takes effect.

Once applications have been considered, and if there are still more requests than places available, these will be allocated by ballot. The ballot will follow the admission priorities listed above.

Have Your Say

The consultation process provides opportunities for all stakeholders to give their views:

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<http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/your-community/working-communities/consultations/live-consultations>

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Questions that have arisen so far during the consultation

When will the new policy be implemented? If the proposal is approved, the new policy will be applied to all applications received after 17 November.

What happens to my child if my application is refused? All pupils have a place at their catchment school.

How can I put my views across? There are a variety of ways, listed in the consultation guidance on the council's website

All FAQs can be found at
<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-05/FAQs.pdf>

What are admissions priorities?
The priorities can be found here:
[https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-05/Admission%20Policy%20Proposal .pdf](https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-05/Admission%20Policy%20Proposal.pdf)

Questions you would like
to ask today

Thank you for your attendance.