
To: Education and Children's Services Policy Board

On: 12 March 2020

Report by: Director of Children's Services

Heading: Pupil Intake to Gryffe High School Session 2020/21

1. Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to request that members of the education and children's services policy board approve the proposal to increase the intake of S1 to Gryffe High School for session 2020/21, for one year only.
 - 1.2. The S1 intake to Gryffe High School has been set at 165. This equates to 5 classes of 33 pupils in line with council policy. This figure is reduced by 3 places in order that places can be reserved for children of families moving into the area: making net intake of 162 pupils.
 - 1.3. Gryffe High School accommodation allows for the intake to be increased every 6 years to a maximum of 180. On 23 May 2019, the education and children's services policy board increased the maximum intake to 180 for Gryffe High School for the 2019/20 session only.
 - 1.4. Although the increased intake was agreed, current pupil numbers are in-line with the normal 165 intake and therefore, Gryffe High School are able to accommodate a maximum intake of 180 for the 2020/21 session.
 - 1.5. The maximum number of S1 pupils can be affected by local timetabling and accommodation arrangements which, on occasions, means that a larger than normal pupil intake can be accommodated. It is proposed that the intake be set at 180 less 3 reserved places: that is an S1 intake of 177 pupils. A significant number of subjects in the curriculum are practical in nature. This would allow for 9 practical classes of 20 and 6 non-practical classes of 30 within the year group.
 - 1.6. Accommodation within the school is such that an additional class could not be accommodated every year. Currently Gryffe High School accommodation allows for the intake to be increased every 6 years to a maximum of 180. This proposed increase of intake can only be accommodated as a result of current numbers and could not be repeated in 2021/22 nor in subsequent years without the need for an increase in accommodation and the significant financial expenditure associated with any such proposals.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Members of the education and children's services policy board are asked to:
- agree to set the S1 intake for Gryffe High School for session 2020/21, at 180 with 3 places within this intake reserved for children moving into the catchment during the school session.
 - note that the S1 intake for Gryffe High School can be set cyclically at a maximum of 180 every 6 years from 2021/22. This increased intake for S1 may be utilised in future years where required, only when there would be no need for an increase in accommodation and any significant financial expenditure associated with any such proposal.
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3. Background

- 3.1. The national standard for S1 and S2 classes in non-practical subjects is a maximum of 33. In S3 and S4 this limit is decreased to 30. At all stages the limit for practical subjects is a maximum of 20.
- 3.2. With a roll capped at 165, Gryffe High School already has 9 classes in practical subjects which allows a maximum of 180 pupils. The forthcoming intake is likely to exceed 165 pupils but will not reach 180 and so it is proposed that for session 2020/2021 only, 6 S1 classes be established for non-practical subjects and that the number of practical subject classes continues at 9.
- 3.3. Accommodation in Gryffe High School is such that an additional class could not be accommodated every year. The proposed increase of intake in 2020/21 could not be repeated in 2021/22 nor in subsequent years without the need for an increase in accommodation and the significant financial expenditure associated with any such proposals.
- 3.4. Council has agreed for previous intake years in 2005, 2011 and 2019 to the increase of S1 intake to 180. Although this increase was previously agreed for the 2019 session we did not require to use this additionality. Gryffe High School are therefore able to accommodate a maximum intake of 180 pupils for the 2020/21 session.
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Implications of this report

- 1. Financial**
None.
- 2. HR and Organisational Development**
Additional teacher staffing would be required in accordance with normal staffing formula.
- 3. Community/Council Planning**
None.
- 4. Legal**
None.

5. Property/Assets

None.

6. Information Technology

None.

7. Equality and Human Rights

The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. Health and Safety

None.

9. Procurement

None.

10. Risk

None.

11. Privacy Impact

None.

12. Cosla Policy Position

None.

13. Climate Risk

None.

List of Background Papers

None

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