



Friday, 4 June 2010

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Support Services
Education & Children's Services
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Dear Sirs,

P1 2010/2011 P1 intake

The placement requests for Fossoway Primary School for P1 for next session have been granted and the breakdown of pupil numbers is as follows:

P1	28 pupils (including 14 placing requests)
P2	16 pupils

The parents of the new P1 and P2 were significantly concerned and many attended a meeting in the school on Monday 31st May to discuss the above. The main concerns of the parents, voiced at the meeting, were:

- The significant increase in total P1 intake,
- The significant proportion of Placing Requests for P1 against catchment pupils,
- The acceptance of more than the 25 pupils preventing a straight P1.

The parents see that these decisions have been made by PKC, and have the following questions:

1. Why has PKC granted placing requests to give a year group size which is out of proportion to other year group sizes within the school?
2. Why has PKC granted placing requests which appear to be taking pupils away from other cluster schools with small roles?
3. Does PKC consider the effect on the cluster of these placing requests and try to achieve a balance, and if so, under what circumstances would a request be refused?

Yours faithfully,

W. A. Campbell
Chair, Fossoway School Council