



# Stirling Council

## Schools, Learning and Education

### Enrolment Arrangements : Primary & Secondary School Education in 2025

The 2025/2026 school year starts on 13 August 2025, this is the **only** date for beginning school education for that year.

All children who are five years old on or before 13 August 2025 are of school age and **must** start their primary school education on 13 August 2025. Children who are five years old between 14 August 2025 and 28 February 2026 **may** start their primary school education on 13 August 2025 or can defer entry to P1 until 2026.

If your child is starting their primary school education in August 2025, or if you are choosing to defer their entry into primary school to August 2026, you **must** enrol them at their catchment school **by 31 January 2025**. Details of school catchment areas and further information on our enrolment procedures can be found by visiting our website [www.stirling.gov.uk](http://www.stirling.gov.uk) or by contacting us on 01786 233185. Should you wish your child to attend a primary school other than their catchment school you are still required to enrol them in the catchment school and submit a placing request for the school of your choice. We have now moved to online enrolments and request that you complete the online enrolment form which can be found on our website [www.stirling.gov.uk](http://www.stirling.gov.uk). As part of the enrolment process we are required to check the residency of all parents wishing to enrol their child at their catchment school, you will be required to scan and upload a copy of your child's birth certificate, and two of the following - child benefit book/award letter, tax credit/universal credit award letter, two recent household utility bills or a recent council tax bill. If you are unable to use our online enrolment form or scan and upload the necessary documents please contact the school who will be able to assist.

#### Gaelic Medium Provision

Gaelic Medium education is available at Riverside Primary School, Forrest Road, Stirling tel: 01786 237933 email: [rvsdeps@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:rvsdeps@stirling.gov.uk). Any parent wishing to enrol their child in our Gaelic medium provision should contact the school for further information.

#### Notice to Parents and Guardians of Children due to Transfer from Primary to Secondary School

Children currently in P7 will transfer from primary to secondary education in August 2025. You will receive notification of transfer arrangements through your primary school and your child will be automatically enrolled in their catchment secondary school. Should you wish your child to attend a secondary school that is not their catchment school a placing request must be submitted.

#### Placing Requests for Session 2025/2026

In accordance with the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 as amended, and The Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004, Stirling Council hereby informs parents or guardians who wish to make a placing request for the school session 2025/2026, to do so online **no later than 15 March 2025**. Your right applies to a request that your child be placed in a school other than the school which normally serves the area in which you live. It applies to a primary school or, where appropriate, the transfer to a secondary school, including a school providing for children with additional support needs. You can apply online at <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/placing-requests/make-a-placing-request/>

**It is essential that you enrol your child at their catchment school even if you are making a placing request for another school, this ensures that should the placing request be unsuccessful they still have a place at their catchment school.**

**Please note that school transport is not provided for children and young people attending a school on a placing request.**

#### Schools Information

Information on local authority schools in Stirling Council is available on our website [www.stirling.gov.uk](http://www.stirling.gov.uk) or by contacting us on 01786 233185.

Parents wishing to apply for enrolment to Our Lady's RC Primary School, St Mary's RC Primary School, St Margaret's RC Primary School and St Modan's High School should contact the school to discuss enrolment policy. Details are also available on the Council website [www.stirling.gov.uk](http://www.stirling.gov.uk)