Enrolment Arrangements
Primary and Secondary School Education in 2027

The 2027/2028 school year starts on 11 August 2027, this is the only date for beginning school education for that year.

All children who are five years old on or before 11 August 2027 are of school age and must start their primary school education on 11 August 2027. Children who are five years old between 12 August 2027 and 29 February 2028 may start their primary school education on 11 August 2027 or can defer entry to P1 until 2028.

If your child is starting their primary school education in August 2027, or if you are choosing to defer their entry into primary school to August 2028, you must enrol them at their catchment school by 31 January 2027. Details of school catchment areas and further information on our enrolment procedures can be found by visiting our website https://www.stirling.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools or by contacting us on 01786 233220.

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.

As part of the enrolment process we are required to check the residency of all parents/carers wishing to enrol their child at their catchment school. You will be required to 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 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: rvrsdeps@stirling.gov.uk. Any parent wishing to enrol their child in our Gaelic medium provision should contact the school for further information.

Denominational Education Provision

Parents/carers of children due to begin P1 who are baptised Roman Catholic can enrol directly to Our Lady's RC Primary School, St Mary's RC Primary School, St Margaret's RC Primary School. A copy of their baptismal certificate is required when completing the enrolment form. Baptised children will automatically transfer to St Modan's High School at the end of P7.

Parents/carers of children who are not baptised and wish for them to attend Our Lady's RC Primary School, St Mary's RC Primary School, St Margaret's RC Primary School or St Modan's High School are required to submit a placing request.

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

Children currently in P7 will transfer from primary to secondary education in August 2027. 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 2027/2028

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 carers who wish to make a placing request for the school session 2027/2028, to do so online no later than 15 March 2027. 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.

For children beginning P1, 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 https://www.stirling.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools or by contacting us on 01786 233220.