

Appendix 1

Statutory Grounds for Turning Down Admission

At least one of the grounds below must be used when refusing a request for a school place. These are statutory grounds given in Section 28A (3)(a) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (as amended)

If you feel none of the grounds below are relevant, please discuss the matter with an officer in the Grants, Awards and Placement team.

Request is refused if placing the child in the specified school would –

1. Make it necessary for the authority to take an additional teacher into employment
2. Give rise to significant expenditure on extending or otherwise altering the accommodation at/or facilities provided in connection with the school.
3. Be likely to be seriously detrimental to the educational well-being of pupils attending the school.
4. Assuming that pupil numbers remain constant, make it necessary, at the commencement of a future stage of the child's primary education, for the authority to elect either to create an additional class (or additional composite class) in the specified school or to take an additional teacher into employment at the school.
5. Have the consequence that the capacity of the school would be exceeded in terms of pupil numbers.