Primary Schools open their doors on Tuesday

TIME FOR PARENTS TO GO BACK TO THE CLASSROOM

All primary schools across Edinburgh are opening their doors next week as part of a campaign to get parents to send their children to their local catchment school.

The aim of Primary Schools Open Day on Tuesday 5 November 2013 is for parents with pre-school age children to have a look around and learn more about their local school.

A concerted campaign by the Council resulted in the lowest ever number of parents making out of catchment requests last year as more families sent their child to their local school.

Parents should be aware as birth rates continue to rise there is less space in schools which means fewer placing requests will be granted.

Councillor Paul Godzik, Education Convener urged parents to choose their local school and support their local community.

He said: "I'd encourage parents to go along and see their catchment school for themselves next week. Sending children to their local school can have many benefits for parents, children and the community where they live.

"A great example is Castleview Primary School which in a recent inspection by Education Scotland was rated as one of the best primary schools in the country.

"More and more families are realising the positive benefits catchment schools offer as shown by the record low number of placing requests last year. I think there is also a growing

recognition that the days where you could choose which primary school you wanted your child to go to have gone.

"Next week's open day is a fantastic opportunity to pop in and have a look around and see your local school in operation. Staff will be on hand to show-off some of the great work taking place as all of our schools offer a high quality education."

Any parents with children under primary school age are welcome to attend and parents who may be thinking of moving into an area may also find it useful.

Further information on catchment schools and the Open Day, including times for the different schools, can be found on the Council's website