

# Brothers and sisters should get preferential treatment on school places



A report relating to catchment boundary changes for Towerbank Primary School recommends an option which would guarantee sibling places in future.

The Council held a statutory consultation as the school was identified as having capacity issues from August 2016 onwards due to the rising number of pupils.

Four different options for catchment change were put forward and the public were able to submit their views from 8 May until 22 June.

In total 428 responses were received with a clear majority of 65% wanting option four which also provides a guarantee of places at Towerbank Primary School being available for younger siblings in the future.

Full details of the recommended option and how it will be implemented are contained in [the report](#). The recommendation will now be discussed by the City of Edinburgh Council meeting on Thursday, 22 October.

Cllr Paul Godzik, Education Convener, said: "Throughout this process we have listened to the views of parents and the vast majority of replies have shown a desire for the option which gives a sibling guarantee. The Council will now discuss the report later this month and come to a decision."

Currently there are around 29,000 primary school pupils in Edinburgh but latest estimates show this will rise to 31,700 by 2020 and then increase further to 35,400 by 2030.

