

School catchment areas affect Edinburgh house prices



This is not truly news. We all know that school catchment areas affect house prices in Edinburgh, but the ESPC has made two announcements which are newsworthy.

[The property experts for East central Scotland](#) have published the average prices for each and every neighbourhood, and they remind us that they have a search facility to help you find your house in the catchment area you want to live in.

If you wish to send your child to Bruntsfield Primary School then the average house price is £264,250, whereas it is a bit more expensive if you wish to send your child to Sciences Primary School as house prices there average at £294,702.

Anyone wanting their little ones to go to Flora Stevenson will face average prices of £296,502 to live in the area.

The population in Edinburgh is rising all the time, and with more people at either end of the age spectrum living here it is clear that school rolls are rising too. This can make it difficult for schools to offer 'out of catchment' places.

An ESPC spokeswoman said: "With exam league tables and HMIE reports on school performance readily available, homes in the school catchment areas for the best performing schools often sell for substantially higher than the average selling price of properties nearby.

"So when it comes to choosing a property, parents may have to stretch their budget or compromise on other key property features such as storage space and large gardens. Getting in to the right catchment area can make the decision on choosing

where to buy even harder.

“ESPC’s website has a search function for school catchments so you can find which houses are for sale under your desired catchment area.”

ESPC is the first property portal in Scotland that offers the ability to search for homes by school catchment areas. For every property advertised within the capital, ESPC will show the four council catchment schools available; primary, RC primary, high school and RC high school.

Unlike many other property website, the ESPC don’t show the nearest school, or the school most likely to be within catchment for, they provide the actual catchment details so you know that you are looking in the right spot.

These are the figures relative to primary school catchment areas:

Primary schools

Bruntsfield Primary school £264,520

Polwarth £183,596

Fountainbridge £174,255

Morningside £301,171

South Morningside primary school – £322,809

Morningside – £301,171

Oxgangs – £133,645

James Gillespie’s Primary school – £282,376

Morningside – £301,171

Newington £253,994

Flora Stevenson primary school – £296,502

Comely Bank £260,882

Fettes £221,695

Stockbridge primary school – £259,836

Stockbridge £231,748

Inverleith £302,252

Corstorphine primary school – £262,574

Corstorphine £251,074

Drumbrae £198,392

Sciennes primary school – £294,702

Newington £253,994