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Dear Mr Freel

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information, received on 9 January 2018. Your request has been dealt with in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Please find listed below your request for information and our response:

Primary Schools

- 1. The actual number of places already taken up in Stonehouse and Newfield primary.**
Please refer to the table below for this information.

Pupil rolls (totals) 2015/16 - 2017/18

	Newfield Primary	Stonehouse Primary
2015/16	197	240
2016/17	200	245
2017/18	213	250

- 2. The pupil number capacity of each of the above mentioned schools which includes early years provision.**
Please refer to the table below for this information.

School capacity 2015/16 – 2017/18 (physical capacity)

	Newfield Primary	Stonehouse Primary
2015/16	297	297
2016/17	297	297
2017/18	297	297

Education Resources project pupil numbers on an annual basis, which also includes new and projected house building and then we review all schools where we may experience significant increases in pupil numbers to determine any appropriate actions to be taken.

- 3. Number of classes per year and the number of pupils per class. i.e P1 -2 classes each class has xx pupils**
Please refer to tables 3a, 3b and 3c for this information.

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4. Catchment areas boundaries for both schools and how this is determined, especially in relation to new Barratt housing estate on the Strathaven side of the village.

Please note that catchment area mapping can be viewed on the Council's website:

- https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/770/school_catchment_area_maps

5. Expansion capacity for each school and what is the trigger point that commencing any expansion.

I can advise you that catchment areas within South Lanarkshire Council are largely historical and have been in place for a number of years. The reviewing of catchment areas is subject to a statutory consultation process which would be put in place where there are significant housing developments which would impact on the number of pupils attending a school and the capacity of the school to cope with the increased numbers.

Please refer to our response to Question 2 for the capacity of Newfield and Stonehouse Primary Schools.

6. Early years capacity at each school listed above and how many attending each class and numbers from outwith Stonehouse catchment area.

I can advise you that Early Years placements are not based on catchment areas, as set out on our website:

- https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200184/nurseries_and_childcare/797/nursery_classes_centres_and_schools

Please refer to table 6 attached for current pupil rolls for the nursery class within Newfield and Stonehouse Primary Schools.

7. The number of pupils from Stonehouse who attend

- St Patrick's Primary, Strathaven
- St Mary's Primary, Larkhall

Please refer to the table below for this information.

Number of pupils with a Stonehouse postcode attending the undernoted schools	Session		
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
School			
St. Mary's Primary School, Larkhall	10	10	8
St. Patrick's Primary School	17	15	13

Secondary Schools

1. Can you provide the total number of pupils with a Stonehouse address / postcode who attend the following secondary schools.

- Larkhall Academy
- Strathaven Academy
- Lesmahagow High
- Holy Cross
- Glasgow Gaelic school

Please refer to the table below for this information.

Number of pupils with a Stonehouse postcode attending the undernoted schools	Session		
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
School			
Holy Cross High School	25	22	20
Larkhall Academy	332	326	320
Lesmahagow High School	0	0	*
Strathaven Academy	152	165	160
Glasgow Gaelic School	n/a	n/a	n/a

* Less than 5 pupils

2. The total annual cost of transporting Stonehouse pupils to their catchment area schools.

Please refer to the table below for this information. Please note that Stonehouse pupils are either zoned for Larkhall Academy or Holy Cross High School. Free school transport is only provided to pupils of these two schools. If a pupil with a Stonehouse postcode attends one of the other schools, this would be through a placing request. Free school transport is not provided for placing requests.

Annual transport costs for pupils with a Stonehouse postcode attending the undernoted schools

School	2017/18
Holy Cross High School	2,994
Larkhall Academy	72,199
Lesmahagow High School	0
Strathaven Academy	0
Glasgow Gaelic School	0

Request for Review

The Council has an internal panel (the review panel) to deal with complaints from people who are not happy about the way that their request has been dealt with. Staff not involved in the original decision will handle any review. If you want to complain about how we have handled your request for information, you can ask the review panel to reassess our actions. Please note that if you wish to complain, you must do so by 7 April 2018. In requesting a review, it would be helpful if you could quote the reference number found at the top of this letter and state the matter which has given rise to your dissatisfaction. You should send your request for a review to:

- Mr. W. Dunn, Information Compliance Manager, Finance and Corporate Resources, Floor 13, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA.

Alternatively, you can request a review at foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk.

Please note that the review panel can only assess the way we have handled requests for information. It cannot consider complaints about delivery of a service or any decisions made by the Council or its authorised employees. If your complaint relates to one of these matters, you should contact the Resource responsible.

Should you not be satisfied with the outcome of our review, you will then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Commissioner will decide whether your request has been dealt with properly, in accordance with the Act. The Commissioner's contact details are as follows:

- Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9DS; Telephone: 01334 464610; Fax: 01334 464611; e-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

For further details, please see the Commissioner's website at www.itspublicknowledge.info.

Yours sincerely

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Table 3a: Class configuration 2015/16

School	Registration Class	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Grand Total
Newfield Primary School	P1	22							22
	P1/2	12	10						22
	P2		24						24
	P2/3		6	16					22
	P4				31				31
	P5					26			26
	P6						22		22
	P7							28	28
Newfield Primary School Total		34	40	16	31	26	22	28	197
Stonehouse Primary School	P1	27							27
	P1/3S	5		3					8
	P2		29						29
	P2/3		10	13					23
	P3			27					27
	P4				30				30
	P4/5S				4	3			7
	P5					23			23
	P6						29		29
	P6/7S						6	3	9
P7							28	28	
Stonehouse Primary School Total		32	39	43	34	26	35	31	240

Table 3b: Class configuration 2016/17

School	Registration Class	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Grand Total
Newfield Primary School	P1	19							19
	P2		28						28
	P2/3		10	13					23
	P3			28					28
	P4				21				21
	P5					31			31
	P6						28		28
	P7							22	22
Newfield Primary School Total		19	38	41	21	31	28	22	200
Stonehouse Primary School	P1	29							29
	P1/2S	8	1						9
	P2		27						27
	P2/45S		3		3	3			9
	P3			28					28
	P3/4			11	12				23
	P4				28				28
	P5					30			30
	P5/67S					2	3	5	10
	P6						24		24
	P7							28	28
Stonehouse Primary School Total		37	31	39	43	35	27	33	245

Table 3c: Class configuration 2017/18

School	Registration Class	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Grand Total
Newfield Primary School	P1	23							23
	P1/2	8	16						24
	P2/3		4	20					24
	P3/4			18	6				24
	P4				33				33
	P4/5				4	21			25
	P6						32		32
	P7							28	28
Newfield Primary School Total		31	20	38	43	21	32	28	213
Stonehouse Primary School	P1	31							31
	P1/23S	4	5	1					10
	P2		26						26
	P2345S		4	4	1	1			10
	P3			30					30
	P4				30				30
	P4/5				7	16			23
	P5/6					20	5		25
	P5/67S					2	5	3	10
	P6						31		31
	P7							24	24
Stonehouse Primary School Total		35	35	35	38	39	41	27	250

Table 6: Capacity and pupil rolls for Newfield and Stonehouse Primary Nursery Classes (2015/16 – 2017/18)

Nursery Classes	2015-16			2016-17			2017-18		
	Registered Capacity	Roll	No of Children outwith Stonehouse Catchment	Registered Capacity	Roll	No of Children outwith Stonehouse Catchment	Registered Capacity	Roll	No of Children outwith Stonehouse Catchment
Stonehouse Primary Nursery Class	30/30	45	0	30/30	49	2	30/30	43	4
Newfield Primary Nursery Class	30/30	45	3	30/30	48	9	30/30	44	7