

# Easthouses Education Consultation

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

**Q. What stage of school will my child need to be in when the catchment changes take place to be eligible to attend either their current or proposed catchment secondary school?**

Any child who is commencing P5 and above in August 2023 at Bonnyrigg PS and P5 and above in August 2024 at King's Park, Lawfield, Mayfield, Newtongrange and Woodburn PS will be eligible to attend their choice of their current or proposed catchment secondary school.

**Q. What happens if I have a child already attending their current catchment primary school who has a younger sibling that is not yet at school?**

A. If the younger sibling starts primary school within 3 years of the date the catchment areas are changed (i.e. by August 2027 for the Easthouses catchment area and August 2026 for the change in the Newtongrange and Bonnyrigg PS catchment area) and they have an elder sibling already attending their current catchment primary school, they would be able to attend either their current or proposed new catchment school. If the younger sibling starts more than three years from the date the catchment areas are changed (i.e. after August 2027 for the Easthouses catchment area and August 2026 for the change in the Newtongrange and Bonnyrigg PS catchment area) then they can make a placing request to their former catchment school. Places are allocated in line with the council's Admission to Primary and Secondary Schools [policy](#) When considering placing requests, children with siblings attending a school are given higher priority than those who do not.

**Q. What secondary school would my child attend if they live in the Wester Kippielaw area but attend St David's RCPS?**

A. All pupils who attend a Roman Catholic primary school in Midlothian, including St David's Roman Catholic Primary School, are automatically registered at St David's Roman Catholic High School. This will not change if the catchment area for Easthouses Primary School is established as proposed.

Some pupils who attend a Roman Catholic primary school choose not to attend St David's Roman Catholic High School and put in a placing request to either their catchment non-denominational secondary school or to another non-denominational secondary school. Currently the catchment non-denominational secondary school for pupils living in the Wester Kippielaw area is Dalkeith High School. If the Easthouses primary school catchment area is established as proposed, the catchment non-denominational secondary school for this area will become Newbattle High School.