

2018 Options for GME

GCC have proposed caps at the two existing GME primary schools for August 2018, based on space constraints at these buildings. The proposed caps are 70 for SGG and 33 for BGGD. The caps are predicated on the provision of general purpose (GP) rooms at both schools.

At November 2017, there have been 101 enrolments at SGG and 43 at Glendale. In 2016, there were 129 P1 children in GME. In 2017, there were 117.

There is a need to find a short term solution to accommodate the enrolments for 2018, at the same time as work is done to develop a medium and longer term strategy for GME in the City. A group of parents have been looking at options for 2018 and beyond to discuss with the working group in January 2018.

Without any ameliorating action, the intake under GCC's current proposed caps would be:

2018 intake	103
2019 intake	91
2020 intake	95

Five options are listed below. **Of these, parents agreed that Options 1 and 2 were worthy of significant further discussion.** Options 3 to 5 are retained for illustrative purposes; parents agreed that they may still be considered in combination with other options if useful, but as sole strategies, were not preferable.

1. Ladywell School opens as an annex of SGG

Ladywell School in the North West of the City is currently in use as an annex of Broomhill Primary School and will become vacant in 2018. There are 7 classrooms and a general purpose room. There are a number of ways in which this could be used. Class numbers have been modelled for two options:

- a. An annex of SGG for a subset of existing classes (e.g. 4, 5, 6). This would relieve space at SGG, both in terms of classrooms and playgrounds and general purpose space. This would allow intakes of

		SGG GP room
2018 intake	158	3
2019 intake	147	1
2020 intake	139	0

- b. An annex of SGG with a subset of classes 1-6 based on geography. Looking at the dots and the bus routes it is likely that Ladywell could be developed as an annex in the first instance with children within a 1.2 or 2 mile radius. This would allow intakes of

		SGG GP room
2018 intake	158	4
2019 intake	144	3
2020 intake	144	1

Opportunities and Constraints:

- Ladywell is a small, but operational school building, set in quiet surrounds in Whiteinch, very close to the northern entrance of the Clyde tunnel, on several major East-West bus routes, and just next to Victoria Park. It has operated successfully as an annex of Broomhill Primary for some time.
- Operationally, the simplest configuration for the Ladywell Annex would be to use it for P5, P6 and P7. Informal conversations with a few parents in this bracket have revealed that some may

be reluctant to leave Berkeley Street, where they feel they have made a significant investment in building a community already.

- Informal feedback from parents slightly lower down the school (current P3, P4) has been more positive.

2. Gowanbank

As a consultation on establishing Gowanbank as a third GME primary has already taken place, there may be scope to use this as a temporary solution, or a permanent solution, if the concerns raised during the consultation were addressed.

Gowanbank has 9 classrooms. To address some of the concerns raised by parents in the consultation, Gowanbank could be opened as a P1-3 one stream entry for August 2018, drawing on a much reduced catchment, developed by looking at what catchment would support suitable transport options. This could either be a temporary solution, with a view to moving these children in to a more suitable two or three stream school serving a larger catchment, or be the first year groups of a one stream school with p5-6 joining in 2019 and with scope for two composites providing some flexibility.

- a. Option 1 of a temporary p1-3 school could allow Glasgow wide intakes as below:

		SGG GP room
2018 intake	143	1
2019 intake	145	1
2020 intake	144	1

- b. Option 2 of p5 and p6 joining in 2019 following consultation, could allow:

		SGG GP room
2018 intake	143	1
2019 intake	142	3
2020 intake	144	2

As shown here, this would create further additional GP space at SGG in 2019 and 2020, creating some flexibility with intakes.

Opportunities and Constraints:

- Gowanbank is an operational school on a large site.
- The two key concerns raised by parents during the consultation for Gowanbank were public transport access to the site, in particular from the further reaches of the proposed catchment (e.g. Castlemilk, Linn, Langside, Yoker, Scotstoun) and access for significant dedicated transport through the streets local to the school.
- Any permanent use of the Gowanbank site would have to tackle these challenges, including setting out a strategy for provision in those areas removed from the proposed catchment.

3. Space at Berkeley Street currently used by technical resource centre is used for GME

The SGG campus currently includes a Glasgow wide Technician Resource Centre, which could be located elsewhere, freeing up space for use by SGG. This approach would provide two more rooms, but would not relieve pressure on outdoor or communal spaces.

4. The BGGD P7s are invited to move up to SGG a year early

Moving the p7s from Glendale to SGG a year early and integrating them with the SGG P7s would free up accommodation at Glendale for the 2018 intake. This would only be a short term measure for Glendale however, as an increased intake could not be sustained.

5. Temporary accommodation installed at SGG or BGGD

GCC owns modular temporary accommodation that could be used, if a suitable site was available. At SGG, concerns remained that shared and outdoor space would be over-stretched, and at BGGD, concerns were expressed about access to toilet facilities.