

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 4th MAY 2021  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th MAY 2021**

**Question**

Will the Minister advise –

- (a) which town schools, if any, have reached capacity;
- (b) how many pupils, if any, are unable to attend school in their catchment area because of such capacity issues;
- (c) what criteria are used to determine the catchment area for a school; and
- (d) when the school catchment areas were last reviewed?

**Answer**

- a) Town schools currently have 59 year groups, of which 8 are at capacity –
  - d’Auvergne - year 2 and year 4
  - Springfield – reception, year 2 and year 4
  - Plat Douet – year 3 and year 6
  - St Luke – year 1
- b) In the current school year there are fewer than 10 pupils unable to attend their catchment area school. These are in Plat Douet, St Luke’s and Springfield. Currently no other schools, in the town area, have children living within their respective school catchment on a waiting list.
- c) There are no published criteria for catchment areas. Geographical location along with population figures were used when they were initially formed.  
The following criteria are used for all admissions –
  1. have a special educational need and must access a specific school / LAC
  2. have brothers or sisters in the school (reception - Y5)
  3. are living in the primary school catchment area
  4. are living in the secondary school catchment area
  5. have brothers or sisters in the school - Y6 (who will have left when the younger sibling starts)
  6. have other requests supported by a good educational reason for attending a non-catchment school
- d) The catchment areas have not been amended within the last 15 years. Officers continually monitor demographic trends.