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**Consultation to review the Primary 1 enrolment date for children/young people starting school from August 2025. It relates to all primary schools in West Dunbartonshire Council**

**Response of the Archdiocese of Glasgow**

The Archdiocese of Glasgow welcomes the opportunity to respond to the proposal within this consultation paper and to be involved in any discussions about the provision of denominational education within West Dunbartonshire Council.

We note that entry into schools in West Dunbartonshire is on a once a year basis at the start of August each year. Enrolment week normally takes place the second week in January for entry into Primary 1 the following August.

It is now proposed that the enrolment date for Primary 1 children is brought forward from January to November of the previous year.

We acknowledge that this will enable earlier information about P1 intake to be available which will assist:

- Information on placing requests and the decisions on them.
- Confirmation to parents on which school their child will attend if they have made a placing request.
- Class configurations in primary schools.
- Teaching posts required in each school.
- More time for targeted liaison between nurseries and primary schools.

We note that none of the above points will have any detrimental impact on pupils.

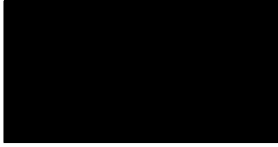
Therefore, we support West Dunbartonshire Council in their proposal to bring forward the enrolment date for Primary 1 pupils from 2025.

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We, in the Archdiocese look forward to ongoing discussions on this and any other proposals which might affect denominational education in your Council area.

With my very best wishes for your continued work.

Kind regards,



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