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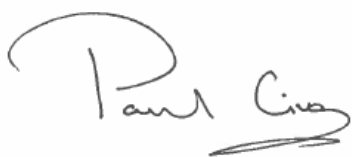
24 April 2025
AQW 25761/22-27

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ANSWER

A copy of the table containing the information requested has been placed in the Assembly Library.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul Givan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Answer

A breakdown of the number of children admitted to full-time and part-time pre-school settings for each of the last five years is set out in the table below.

		24/25			23/24			22/23			21/22			20/21		
Constituency	School type	FT	PT	Total Pupil	FT	PT	Total Pupil	FT	PT	Total Pupil	FT	PT	Total Pupil	FT	PT	Total Pupil
BELFAST EAST	Preschool Admissions	622	375	997	627	389	1016	621	406	1027	626	419	1045	624	405	1029
BELFAST NORTH	Preschool Admissions	978	445	1423	1027	440	1467	1022	419	1441	1015	436	1451	1018	460	1478
BELFAST SOUTH	Preschool Admissions	632	503	1135	630	549	1179	629	537	1166	626	556	1182	620	531	1151
BELFAST WEST	Preschool Admissions	1330	165	1495	1288	185	1473	1259	190	1449	1261	175	1436	1268	190	1458
EAST ANTRIM	Preschool Admissions	262	656	918	260	642	902	236	716	952	235	719	954	235	732	967
EAST LONDONDERRY	Preschool Admissions	210	808	1018	209	851	1060	211	857	1068	214	859	1073	216	921	1137

FERMANAGH AND SOUTH TYRONE	Preschool Admissions	262	1086	1348	271	1053	1324	261	1059	1320	266	1150	1416	261	1088	1349
FOYLE	Preschool Admissions	1046	329	1375	1031	344	1375	986	444	1430	987	453	1440	983	460	1443
LAGAN VALLEY	Preschool Admissions	314	823	1137	314	884	1198	313	907	1220	315	907	1222	311	901	1212
MID ULSTER	Preschool Admissions	323	1175	1498	323	1137	1460	316	1136	1452	318	1169	1487	321	1235	1556
NEWRY AND ARMAGH	Preschool Admissions	709	852	1561	687	875	1562	696	872	1568	694	919	1613	690	944	1634
NORTH ANTRIM	Preschool Admissions	215	1026	1241	214	1063	1277	229	1071	1300	220	1094	1314	227	1154	1381
NORTH DOWN	Preschool Admissions	139	703	842	151	737	888	139	758	897	138	756	894	131	794	925
SOUTH ANTRIM	Preschool Admissions	214	827	1041	157	961	1118	159	920	1079	161	917	1078	156	935	1091
SOUTH DOWN	Preschool Admissions	348	926	1274	351	969	1320	350	1022	1372	343	984	1327	345	977	1322
STRANGFORD	Preschool Admissions	191	725	916	161	781	942	161	789	950	157	764	921	156	764	920
UPPER BANN	Preschool Admissions	1141	459	1600	1130	483	1613	1129	522	1651	1140	523	1663	1127	534	1661
WEST TYRONE	Preschool Admissions	411	735	1146	379	843	1222	359	837	1196	376	898	1274	367	851	1218

Source: NI school census

Notes

Data is based on pupils enrolled on Census day i.e. The Friday of the first full week in October (In 2024/25 this was the 11 October 2024)

Figures for 'preschool settings' include funded children in voluntary and private preschools, nursery schools, nursery units and pupils enrolled in preschool age SPiM settings (in nursery schools and nursery units).

Data relating to 2023/24 was impacted by industrial action, due to Action Short of Strike (ASOS). Although data was received from all schools, for 25% of schools (primary, post primary and special schools) pupil level information was not received in electronic format. It also meant it was not possible to fully undertake normal validation processes, some validations were impossible due to a lack of pupil information. Validation was undertaken on free school meals and a total was agreed per school, however due to the lack of pupil level information it was not possible to break this total down by year group. Further information can be found in the notes section of the enrolments bulletin (<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/annual-enrolments-schools-and-funded-pre-school-education-northern-ireland-202324>)