

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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AQW 25818/22-27

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To ask the Minister of Education to detail the number of admissions for pre-schools and primary schools deemed to be of Socially Disadvantaged Circumstances in West Tyrone, broken down by school.

ANSWER

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



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**Answer**

A breakdown of the number of children admitted to (a) pre-school settings and (b) primary schools in the West Tyrone constituency for the 2024/25 academic year that are deemed to be socially disadvantaged is set out in the table below. Free School Meals has been used as the definition of those children deemed to be socially disadvantaged. 2024/25 represents the latest year for which this data is available.

<b>Voluntary/Private Preschool</b>	
<b>School Name</b>	<b>FSM</b>
Ardstraw Community Playgroup	*
Brambly Hedge Community Playgroup, Strabane	0
Buddies Childtime Centre Ltd, Omagh	*
Carebears Community Playgroup, Newtownstewart	6
Denamona Pre-school	0
Dromore Community Playgroup, Omagh	0
First Steps Community Playgroup, Killen	*
Green Elves Playgroup, Omagh	*
Happy Faces Playgroup, Clady	*
Jack and Jill Community Playgroup, Plumbridge	*
Little Flower Playgroup, Glebe	7
Little Friends Playgroup, Omagh	0
McClintock Children's Centre	*
Naiscoil Cholmcille, Carrickmore	*
Naiscoil na Deirge Playgroup, Castlederg	0
Nippers Alley Playgroup, Loughmacrory	5
Peter Pan Playgroup, Trillick	*
Playtime Day Nursery & Playgroup, Eskra	*
Puddleducks Playgroup, Clanabogan	0

Rainbow Community Playgroup, Omagh	*
Rascals Community Playgroup, Gortin	*
St Brigid's Pre-school Centre, Mountfield	0
St Caireall's Cross Community Pre-school, Castlederg	0
St Mary's Pre-school Centre, Cloughcor	9
Sugar and Spice Early Years Centre, Drumquin	*
The Magic Roundabout Playgroup, Altamuskin	*
<b>Nursery School - Main</b>	
<b>School Name</b>	<b>FSM</b>
Omagh North Nursery School	20
<b>Nursery Unit - Main</b>	
<b>School Name</b>	<b>FSM</b>
Artigarvan Primary School, Strabane	6
Arvalee School and Resource Centre	*
Christ the King Primary School, Omagh	8
Cooley Primary School, Sixmilecross	*
Edwards Primary School, Castlederg	15
Gaelscoil Na gCrann, Omagh	13
Gaelscoil Ui Dhochartaigh, Strabane	9
Knockavoe School	6
Omagh County Primary School	0
Omagh Integrated Primary School	8
Sion Mills Integrated Primary School	12
St Catherine's Primary School	33
St Colmcille's Primary School, Carrickmore	9
St Conor's Primary School, Omagh	20
St Lawrence's Primary School, Fintona	6
St Mary's Primary School, Killyclogher	10
St Mary's Primary School, Strabane	59
St Oliver Plunkett Primary School, Beragh	0
St Patrick's Primary School, Castlederg	7
Strabane Primary School	7
<b>Preschool Primary - SPiM</b>	
<b>School Name</b>	<b>FSM</b>
St Columba's Primary School, Clady	*

Reception	
<b>School Name</b>	<b>FSM</b>
All Saint's Primary School, Tattysallagh	0
Donemana Primary School, Strabane	0
Holy Family Primary School, Omagh	*
St Columba's Primary School, Clady	*
Primary 1	
<b>School Name</b>	<b>FSM</b>
All Saint's Primary School, Tattysallagh	5
Ardstraw Jubilee Primary School	*
Artigarvan Primary School, Strabane	6
Arvalee School and Resource Centre	9
Bready Jubilee Primary School, Strabane	*
Christ the King Primary School, Omagh	9
Cooley Primary School, Sixmilecross	5
Denamona Primary School, Fintona	*
Donemana Primary School, Strabane	*
Dromore Primary School, Tyrone	*
Edwards Primary School, Castlederg	12
Gaelscoil Na gCrann, Omagh	8
Gaelscoil Ui Dhochartaigh, Strabane	12
Gibson Primary School, Omagh	9
Gortin Primary School, Omagh	*
Holy Family Primary School, Omagh	13
Killen Primary School, Castlederg	*
Knockavoe School	9
Knocknagor Primary School, Trillick	*
Langfield Primary School, Drumquin	0
McClintock Primary School, Seskinore	*
Newtownstewart Model Primary School	*
Omagh County Primary School	12
Omagh Integrated Primary School	8
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Greencastle	*
Queen Elizabeth II Primary School, Kilskeery	*
Roscavey Primary School, Beragh	*
Sacred Heart Primary School, Tattyreagh	0
Sion Mills Integrated Primary School	8
St Brigid's Primary School, Altamuskin	0

St Brigid's Primary School, Cranagh	0
St Brigid's Primary School, Mountfield	*
St Caireall's Primary School, Castlederg	0
St Catherine's Primary School	35
St Colmcille's Primary School, Carrickmore	5
St Columba's Primary School, Clady	*
St Conor's Primary School, Omagh	11
St Dympna's Primary School, Dromore	*
St Eugene's Primary School, Victoria Bridge	6
St Joseph's Primary School, Drumquin	7
St Lawrence's Primary School, Fintona	7
St Mary's Primary School, Cloughcor	8
St Mary's Primary School, Killyclogher	6
St Mary's Primary School, Strabane	26
St Michael's Primary School, Dunamanagh	*
St Oliver Plunkett Primary School, Beragh	*
St Patrick's Primary School, Castlederg	13
St Patrick's Primary School, Eskra	*
St Patrick's Primary School, Gortin	*
St Patrick's Primary School, Newtownstewart	7
St Peter's Primary School, Plumbridge	*
St Ronan's Primary School, Recarson	*
St Scire's Primary School, Trillick	*
St Teresa's Primary School, Loughmacrory	*
St Theresa's Primary School, Glebe	*
Strabane Primary School	6
Tummery Primary School, Dromore	0

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).

Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment Support Allowance where an award of income-based job-seekers allowance has been converted and the amount of the award remains unchanged; and Universal Credit are some of the benefits which determine eligibility for free school meals. As school meals are not universally available to children in pre-school education, parental receipt of these benefits is a better indicator of

social disadvantage for the pre-school sector. Pupils who are recorded as entitled to free school meals in nursery classes in primary schools are also included in the totals.

\* denotes fewer than 5 pupils suppressed due to sensitive nature and potential identification of individual pupils