

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 21st JUNE 2021**

Question

Will the Minister –

- (a) provide a breakdown of the number and age of any students joining local schools in the last 5 years due to their families relocating to Jersey from European countries;
- (b) advise whether or not the impact of the new immigration and visa requirements on the projected number of new students relocating from Europe to Jersey has been investigated; and
- (c) if so, what impact it is expected there will be on the projected number of students in schools, on school funding, and on any other relevant areas that have been identified?

Answer

(a) This table shows the number of children who have joined non-fee paying schools from European countries (excluding the Common Travel Area), since May 2018 up to June 2021. Applications prior to May 2018 were not made online. Although available this information is difficult to access as it will need to be pulled from numerous sources, making this less reliable). We are unable to provide a breakdown by age, as the data contains numbers fewer than five.

Year	Number of Children
2021	12
2020	52
2019	65
2018	32

(b) The impact of the new immigration and visa requirements is not yet known as there is not enough data to make an accurate forecast. A study has begun, that analyses data from the first half of 2021 and compares that to data from 2019 and 2020.

(c) Early indications show that in the first 6 months of 2021 there have been 12 applications for a non-fee paying school place where the student currently resides in Europe (excluding the Common Travel Area) compared to the same period in 2020 where there were 20 applications and the same period of 2019 where there were 33 applications.

For 2020, applications were down 20% on the previous year. This could be attributed to the effects of the pandemic which will also have a similar effect on 2021 applications. Taking this into account, the forecasted number of applications for 2022 (without the effects of the pandemic) is between 30 and 40. Further analysis will be made once more data is available.

There is no impact on school funding.