

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

1st April 2014

Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults

SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2015/16

1. **Purpose of Report** To report on the annual consultation and to determine admission arrangements for 2015/16.
2. **Information and Analysis**
 - 2.1 The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) (Regulations) 2012 require that the admission arrangements for 2015/16 are consulted upon before 1st March 2014 and determined by 15th April 2014.
 - 2.2 Consultation information was posted on the Derbyshire County Council website setting out the proposed changes to arrangements for 2015/16 and was considered by the Derbyshire Schools Admission Forum on 27th February 2014.
 - 2.3 The following were also consulted:
 - a) Community, Voluntary Controlled, Academy, Voluntary Aided and Foundation primary and secondary schools in Derbyshire.
 - b) Neighbouring Local Authorities and Diocesan Authorities.
 - c) Neighbouring authority schools which are adjacent to the County boundary and may be affected by Derbyshire's arrangements.
 - 2.4 The consultation was publicised by schools' extranet, e-mail and by public notices in the local press in December 2013.

- 2.5 The consultation period has now ended. One response was received from Nottinghamshire County Council asking Derbyshire to consider amending its co-ordinated scheme to align key dates with Nottinghamshire and to enable parents to express 4 rather than 3 preferences to align with Nottinghamshire arrangements. It is not proposed to make these changes but to seek an administrative resolution through the regional admissions network.

Proposed Changes to Admission Arrangements for Community and Controlled Schools for 2015/16:

- 2.6 In the light of new non-statutory advice about the admission of summer-born children issued by the DfE in July 2013 it is proposed to adopt revised local guidance about early and delayed admission and transfers. The principal changes in the guidance are to make clearer the criteria and judgments which will be applied when parents request that their child is admitted to school or transfers between phases outside their normal age group. A copy of the revised guidance is available on the Derbyshire County Council website.

A minor change is proposed to the normal area of Stenson Fields Primary School to accommodate new housing development in the locality. A planning application for 500 new dwellings was approved in 2007, and the developer has started to build these homes with sales off plan. The Local Authority has negotiated a financial contribution for delivery of additional places and is working with the school to deliver this accommodation. A map showing the proposed changes is attached as Annex 1.

No other changes are proposed to the published admission arrangements.

Published Admission Numbers [PANs]

- 2.7 Following consultation, changes to the Published Admission numbers listed below are recommended:

Renishaw Primary	Increase from 24 to 27
Langwith Bassett Primary	Increase from 12 to 16
Dronfield Junior	Increase from 78 to 90
Park Junior	Increase from 60 to 70
Burbage Primary School	Increase from 46 to 50
Brockley Primary	Reduce from 30 to 20
Ashbrook Infant	Reduce from 70 to 50
Alfreton Grange	Reduce from 186 to 140

Ashbrook Junior	Reduce from 74 to 50
New Bolsover Primary	Reduce from 50 to 40
Creswell Junior	Reduce from 70 to 60
Harrington Junior	Reduce from 61 to 60
Newton Primary	Reduce from 30 to 20
Killamarsh Junior	Reduce from 80 to 60
Kirk Langley Primary	Reduce from 12 to 10
Bramley Vale Primary	Reduce from 36 to 25
Dallimore Primary	Reduce from 60 to 45
Wilsthorpe School	Reduce from 240 to 180

All of these changes are in line with revised net capacity assessments. The Development Section has notified local schools of the requests and no comments have been received.

- 2.8 The only school where the PAN is less than the indicated admission number (IAN) is now Spire Junior School. The published number is 50 while the indicated number is 51. This was agreed following consultation within the community so that the PANs of Spire Infant and Spire Junior School are co-ordinated.

2.9 Fair Access Protocols

It is not proposed to make changes to the Fair Access Protocols. Copies of the Primary and Secondary Fair Access Protocols are available on the Derbyshire County Council website.

2.10 Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme

It is proposed to make no significant changes to the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme other than to bring forward relevant dates into the 2015/16 admission rounds. A copy of the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme is available on the Derbyshire County Council website.

These proposals were considered at the Schools Admission Forum on 27th February 2014.

3. **Other Considerations** In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: Prevention of Crime & Disorder, Financial, Equality of Opportunity, Health, Legal & Human Rights, Human Resources, Environmental, Property and Transport Considerations.

4. **Background Papers**

- 4.1 School Admissions Code (DfE February 2012)
 - 4.2 Schools Admissions Appeals Code (DfE December 2011)
 - 4.3 Advice on the admission of summer-born children (DfE July 2013)
 - 4.4 2015/16 Consultation documents.
5. **Key Decision** No.
6. **Call-in** Is it necessary for the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed in this report? No.
7. **Strategic Director's Recommendations** The Cabinet Member is asked to approve the proposed changes to the admission arrangements as set out in this report and its Annex.

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Annex 1

Revised Normal Area Map for Stenson Fields Primary School

