

**TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING
30 JANUARY 2020**

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2021/22
Assistant Director, Education & Learning**

1. PURPOSE OF DECISION

- 1.1. To determine the school admission arrangements for the academic year 2021/22.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. The report provides details of the consultation on changes to admission arrangements and Published Admission Numbers (PAN) held between 4 November 2019 and 16 December 2019.
- 2.2. The recommendations describe the key changes to be made to admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1. **To note the outcomes of the consultation into admission arrangements.**
- 3.2. **Following a public consultation it is recommended to agree to reduce the Published Admissions Number (PAN) for two community secondary schools, Garth Hill College (from 300 to 270) and Easthampstead Park Community School (from 240 to 210)**
- 3.3. **Following recent consultation it is recommended to agree to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for one of the community primary schools, Harman's Water Primary School (from 90 to 60)**
- 3.4. **Following discussions with the Oxford Diocese and the Governors of the school followed by a public consultation the recommendation is to agree to remove the denominational criterion from the admission arrangements for Warfield CE Primary School.**
- 3.5. **Following a public consultation it is recommended to agree the annual admission arrangements for 2021/22 as set out in Appendices A to D following the outcome of the consultation.**

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1. If admission arrangements are required to change there is a statutory duty to consult widely and take views that are expressed into account. This therefore ensures that the admission arrangements for Bracknell Forest Council comply with the statutory School Admissions Code.
- 4.2. To ensure that admission arrangements are fit for purpose for the Bracknell Forest community.
- 4.3. All admission arrangements must be determined by the Executive Member on or before 28 February 2020.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1. None. There is a statutory process to consult should the admission arrangements need to be changed.

6. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 6.1. The School Admissions Code requires local authorities to consult on admissions arrangements if they are making changes to them. A consultation was held between 4 November 2019 and 16 December 2019 in relation to changes to be introduced for the academic year 2021-22:
- To agree to reduce the Published Admissions Number (PAN) for two community secondary schools, Garth Hill College (from 300 to 270) and Easthampstead Park Community School (from 240 to 210)
 - To agree to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for one of the community primary schools, Harman's Water Primary School (from 90 to 60)
 - To agree to remove the denominational criterion from the admission arrangements for Warfield CE Primary School.
- 6.2. For the first aspect of the consultation – a reduction in PAN for two secondary community schools; Garth Hill College and Easthampstead Park Community School, in both cases 60% of responses agreed to the change.
- 6.3. For the second aspect of the consultation – a reduction in PAN for one of the community schools; Harmans Water Primary School, 60% of responses agreed to the change.
- 6.4. For the third aspect of the consultation – the removal of the denomination criteria from the admission arrangements for Warfield CE Primary School, 45% of responses agreed to the change.
- 6.5. The proposed annual admissions arrangements are set out in Appendices A to D.
APPENDIX A – Primary School Admission Arrangements 2021/22
APPENDIX B – Secondary School Admission Arrangements 2021/22
APPENDIX C – In year School Admission Arrangements 2021/22
APPENDIX D – 6th Form Admission Arrangements 2021/22

7. CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1. A consultation was held between 4 November and 16 December 2019
- 7.2. The consultation had to ensure by statute that the following list of people are consulted. Failure to consult effectively may be grounds for subsequent complaints and appeals.
- a) 'parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen;

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- b) other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions;
- c) all other admission authorities within the relevant area (except that primary schools need not consult secondary schools);
- d) whichever of the governing body and the local authority who are not the admission authority;
- e) any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority; and
- f) in the case of schools designated with a religious character, the body or person representing the religion or religious denomination’.

Method of Consultation

7.3 These included:

- Information and a questionnaire were made available on the Council's consultation portal, website and on paper.
- Comments were also invited via email.

Representations Received

7.4 20 responses were made on the online consultation portal. A summary of these is shown at Appendix E.

7.5 4 people commented via, or followed up their submission, with an email. A summary of these is shown in Appendix F

8. ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

8.1 The relevant legal issues are addressed within the policies and covering report.

Director of Finance

8.2 The Director of Finance is satisfied that no significant financial implications are anticipated from the proposed changes.

Equalities Impact Assessment

6.3 Bracknell Forest Council has an inclusive education policy and children will not be discriminated against as laid down by the Human Rights Act 1998, Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005 and Equality Act 2010.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

6.4 Significant Risks include:

ISSUE	RISK	COMMENT
If the annual admissions arrangements are not determined, the Local Authority would be in breach of the School Admissions Code.	M	The Local Authority could be reported to the Schools Adjudicator for failure to comply with the School Admissions Code.

Background Papers

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School Admissions Code 2014, DfE

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