

ITEM 4

Time Commenced: 10.10 am
Time Finished: 10.40 am

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FORUM 29 SEPTEMBER 2010

Present:	David Keys	Brackensdale Junior School Parent Governor (in the Chair)
	Sue Bradley	Chair of the In Year Fair Access Panel
	Robin Constable	Solicitor
	Daniel Cooper	Constitutional Services Officer
	Fiona McLaughlin	Chellaston Infants School Head Teacher
	Gail Neill	Diocese of Nottingham, Board of Education
	Gurmail Nizzer	Head of Admissions and Awards
	Genevieve Gordon	Specialist Education Welfare Officer

01/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Alison Brown, Alan Brady and Elizabeth Coffey.

02/10 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

04/10 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

05/09 Report on Fair Shares Protocol (In Year Fair Access) Managed Moves and Hard to Place 2009-10

The Forum received a report on the Fair Shares Protocol (In Year Fair Access) Managed Moves and Hard to Place Children for the 2009-2010 period. The Chair of the In Year Fair Access Panel Sue Bradley informed the Forum that there has been a reduction in the number of managed moves accepted and those referred to panel from 2006/7, but the implementation of the new protocol coincided with an increase in referrals for managed moves. For a number of students the process remained a very positive new start and ensured they maintained a mainstream placement. She

informed the Forum that the In Year Fair Access Scheme could come into conflict with the Admissions Code when the parents' of a hard to place child refuse a place in a school they have been offered. A number of parents had done this and the team had worked hard to come to an agreeable solution in each case.

The Chair stated that officers needed to work towards making schools accept an equal number of hard to place children. The Chair of the In Year Fair Access Panel stated that often the school place offered would be based on the needs of the child rather than each school taking their turn. But she would endeavour to ensure an equal number of schools came forward to offer placements.

Resolved to note the contents of the report and both appendix 1 and 2.

06/10 Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2012-13

Members considered a report from the Strategic Director of Children and Young People informing the forum of changes to the admission arrangements for 2012-2013.

The Chair asked for clarification of paragraph 4.2 of the report. Robin Constable stated that this meant that now parents who were found guilty of fraudulently gaining a place for their child would not be able to gain priority over other applicants by using a sibling link for their subsequent children.

Gail Neill, of the Diocese of Nottingham, asked how this would be tracked by officers. The Head of Admissions and Awards, Gurmail Nizzer, said he was not aware of the exact process but would provide the Forum with a response.

Resolved to note the report and support the authority's stance on the co-ordination of admissions to all schools in Derby.

MINUTES END