



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL CABINET
25 APRIL 2006

Cabinet Member for Children & Education Services

ITEM 13

Determination of Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2007 - 2008

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Council has consulted as required on the proposed admission arrangements and relevant area for 2007-2008. Following consultation, it is proposed that our current admission arrangements, set out on page 9 of the Secondary 'Admissions Handbook 2006-2007 and page 7 of the Primary 'Admissions Handbook 2006-2007, found at <http://www.derby.gov.uk/EducationLearning/SchoolAdmissions/AdmissionsInformation.htm> should be adopted as our arrangements for 2007-2008.
- 1.2 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Amend the admission arrangements for 2007 / 2008 as follows:
- To accept the additional tiebreaker within categories 2 to 6 of giving first priority outside the normal admissions to pupils who have not been on a city school roll during the academic year of application.
 - Minor date changes for Primary and Secondary transfer.
 - Published Admission Numbers have no changes but a proviso regarding Children Centres that may lead to some changes.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3. To accept the additional tiebreaker would result in those families moving into Derby having priority over a family already on a waiting list whose child currently attends a school in the city. This would allow some parents the possibility of gaining access to their normal area school, although this outcome is not guaranteed and may affect only a small number of pupils.



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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as amended by the Education Act 2002, requires admission authorities to determine their admission arrangements annually, with certain exceptions, and to consult other local admission authorities in the relevant area before doing so. Our relevant area is the Council's administrative area. The 2002 Act requires the consultation about admissions for September 2007 to be completed before 1 March 2006 and be determined by 15 April 2006.
- 1.2 We have consulted as required on our proposed admission arrangements and relevant area for 2007-2008. The consultation included all schools in Derby, as well as Derbyshire County Council and schools in Derbyshire that border the city. One response critical of the proposed new arrangements was received, as detailed in paragraph 1.6. No other responses critical to the proposal were received. The number affected by this additional tiebreaker cannot be quantified, but it remains a problem for parents. The use of the tiebreaker would allow for more control over such situations.
- 1.3 Dates given on page 6 of the primary booklet about requesting a place for all Derby City primary schools need to reflect deadline for the co-ordinated scheme of 15 December 2006. The offer date will be the 6 April 2007
- 1.4 Dates given on page 5 of the secondary booklet about requesting a secondary school place need to reflect the deadline for the co-ordinated scheme of 23 October 2006. The national offer date will remain as 1 March 2007.
- 1.5 The additional tiebreaker was objected to by one infant school as the governors felt that it would be unfair to give priority to someone new to the area. They believe that in-area children travelling to another school should have priority. The inclusion of the additional tiebreaker would ensure that children moving to Derby outside to the normal admission round are not penalised by having to move schools midway through an academic year
- 1.6 The Published Admission Numbers carries a proviso that admission limits may need to be reviewed at some schools as part of any Children's Centre proposals linked to the second phase of centres. Until the second phase has been finalised, which may not be in this academic year, these numbers cannot be assessed.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2. None.

For more information contact:

Background papers:

List of appendices:

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Admissions Handbook – Primary and Secondary
Appendix 1 – Implications
Appendix 2 – Published Admission Numbers

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None.

Legal

2. Contained within the body of the report.

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities impact

4. None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The proposal comes under the Council's Objective of **providing a stimulating and high quality learning environment** and supports the values of **being open, transparent and honest in everything we do** and developing **effective partnerships with all stakeholders, especially Derby Residents**.

School	Published Admission Number 2007/2008
Allenton Community Primary	52
Alvaston Infant and Nursery	90
Alvaston Community Junior	90
Arboretum Primary	45
Ash Croft Primary	40
Ashgate Primary	60
Asterdale Primary	30
Beaufort Community Primary	54
Becket Primary	30
Bemrose Community	180
Borrow Wood Infant	60
Borrow Wood Junior	70
Boulton Primary	50
Brackensdale Infant	60
Brackensdale Junior	60
Breadsall Hill Top Infant	60
Breadsall Hill Top Junior	60
Brookfield Primary	30
Carlyle Infant	60
Cavendish Close Infant	100
Cavendish Close Junior	100
Chaddesden Park Infant	60
Chaddesden Park Junior	60
Chellaston Infant #	120 #
Cherry Tree Hill Infant	65
Cherry Tree Hill Junior	65
Dale Community Primary	75
da Vinci Community College	150
Derby Moor Community Sports College	252
Derwent Community	45
Firs Estate Primary	45
Gayton Community Junior	90
Grampian Primary	30
Griffe Field Primary	60
Hardwick Primary	60 KS1 / 90 KS2
Homefields Primary	30
Lakeside Community Primary	50
Lawn Primary	60
Lees Brook Community Sports College	219
Littleover Community School	252
Markeaton Primary	45
Meadow Farm Community Primary	45
Mickleover Primary	55
Moorhead Primary	40
Nightingale Infant	80
Nightingale Junior	90

School	Published Admission Number 2007/2008
Normanton Junior *	90 *
Normanton Village Infant *	30 *
Oakwood Infant	90
Oakwood Junior	90
Parkview Primary	30
Pear Tree Infant	90
Pear Tree Community Junior	90
Portway Infant	80
Portway Junior	80
Ravensdale Infant	90
Ravensdale Junior	90
Redwood Infant	75
Redwood Junior	75
Reigate Primary	60
Ridgeway Infant	90
Roe Farm Primary	50
Rosehill Infant and Nursery	50
Shelton Infant	70
Silverhill Primary	60
Sinfin Community	221
Sinfin Primary	20
Springfield Primary	30
St Chad's Church of England (Controlled) Nursery and Infant	40
Sunnyhill Infant *	60 *
Wren Park Primary	48

*Subject to publication of Statutory Notices to create a new Normanton Primary School with an admission limit of 75 (replacing Normanton Village Infant, Normanton Junior and Sunnyhill Infant.

The schools normal area is being extended to include Phase 2 part of the West Chellaston housing development.