



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL CABINET
20 April 2010

Report of the Corporate Director for Children
and Young People

ITEM 8

Determination of Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2011 - 2012

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Council has consulted as required on the proposed admission arrangements and relevant area for 2011-2012. Following consultation, it is proposed that our current admission arrangements, set out on page 11 of the Secondary 'Admissions Handbook 2010-2011 and page 8 of the Primary 'Admissions Handbook 2010-2011, found at www.derby.gov.uk/admissions should be adopted as our arrangements for 2011-2012.
- 1.2 Appendix 2 lists all the Published Admission Numbers for Community and Voluntary Controlled School in Derby City, with any previous Published Admission Numbers indicated.

RECOMMENDATION

2. To amend the admission arrangements for 2011 / 2012 as follows:
 - National closing dates for Primary and Secondary transfer -15 January and 31 October respectively.
 - Published Admission Number (PAN) for Boulton Primary to decrease from 50 to 30 to reflect the strategy for a managed reduction in primary surplus places.
 - Published Admission Number for Littleover Community School to increase from 252 to 265 to reflect the increase in the number of normal area applications.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To agree the proposed admission arrangements and published admission numbers for 2011-2012 in order to ensure consistency for parents and compliance with the School Admissions Code of Practice.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as amended by the Education and Inspections Act 2006, requires admission authorities to determine their admission arrangements annually, with certain exceptions, and to consult other local admission authorities, parents and other interested parties in the relevant area before doing so. Our relevant area is the Council's administrative area. The 2006 Act requires the consultation about admissions for September 2011 to be completed before 1 March 2010 and be determined by 15 April 2010.
- 4.2 We have consulted as required on our proposed admission arrangements and relevant area for 2011-2012. The consultation included all schools in Derby, as well as Derbyshire County Council, schools in Derbyshire that border the city, parents and other interested parties. No comments or objections were received.
- 4.3 Dates given on page 6 of the primary booklet about requesting a place for all primary schools need to reflect national deadlines for the co-ordinated scheme of 15 January 2011. The offer date will be the 9 May 2011.
- 4.4 Dates given on page 6 of the secondary booklet about requesting a secondary school place need to reflect the national deadline for the co-ordinated scheme of 31 October 2010. The national offer date will remain as 1 March 2010. Offers will be posted that day, second class.
- 4.5 The Published Admission Numbers carry 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. Both the Building Schools for the Future and the Primary Strategy for Change programmes may also affect some Published Admission Numbers. The Primary Strategy for Change recommends that area reviews take place in certain parts of the city. Any proposed changes to PANs that emerge through the primary area reviews will be reported to Council Cabinet.
- 4.6 The reduction in Published Admission Number (PAN) for Boulton Primary aims to better align the PAN with demand for places and should be beneficial for Boulton Primary in terms of school organisation.
- 4.7 An increase in the Published Admission Number for Littleover Community School reflects the increase in normal area applications and allows a gradual increase prior the Building Schools for the Future programme. Due to the consistent high demand for places, the Admissions Authority has previously agreed to temporarily increase the admission limit to 265 for 2010-2011 intake and the admission arrangements for 2011-12 formalise this agreement.

- 4.8 Council Cabinet has approved that following consultation, from September 2010 three sets of infant and junior schools will 'merge' to form primary schools with amendments to admission numbers from September 2011 as follows:

	Infant School – Current PAN	Junior School – Current PAN	Primary School - agreed PAN from Sept 2011
Borrow Wood	60	70	60
Cherry Tree Hill	65	65	65
Nightingale	80	90	60

- 4.9 The PANs for Boulton Primary and Nightingale Primary are below what their Net Capacity Assessment Forms indicate. Therefore, it is necessary to publish an additional statutory notice. Both schools currently have relatively high levels of surplus places and the proposed admission numbers reflect actual demand for pupil places. The reduced admission numbers should also be beneficial to the schools in terms of classroom organisation.
- 4.10 Other Published Admission Numbers have no changes but the booklets contain a proviso that Children Centres, Building Schools for the Future and the Primary Strategy for Change may lead to some changes.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5. None.

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Background papers: None
List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications
Appendix 2 – Published Admission Numbers

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1 As school budgets are largely determined by pupil numbers, there will be a financial impact for those schools where changes in admission limits result in changes to actual numbers.

Legal

- 2 The procedure for consulting upon admission arrangements and notification, publication, variation and alteration of them is detailed in the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2009.

Personnel

- 3 None directly arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 4 None directly arising from this report. The admissions policy ensures that all applications are dealt with fairly and equitably in accordance with the relevant legislation.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 5 The proposal comes under the Council's Objective of **supporting parents** and supports the values of **ensuring well-being and safeguarding and belonging to the community**.

Appendix 2

School	Published Admission Number 11/12	Number of Nursery Places
Allenton Community Primary	52	
Alvaston Infant and Nursery	90	26
Alvaston Community Junior – Enhanced Resource School	90	
Arboretum Primary	45	39
Ash Croft Primary	40	
Ashgate Primary	45	
Asterdale Primary	30	26
Beaufort Community Primary	45	52
Becket Primary	30	26
Borrow Wood Primary	60	26
Boulton Primary	REDUCED FROM 50	30
Brackensdale Infant – Enhanced Resource School	60	26
Brackensdale Junior - Enhanced Resource School	60	
Breadsall Hill Top Infant	60	26
Breadsall Hill Top Junior	60	
Brookfield Primary	30	15
Carlyle Infant	60	26
Cavendish Close Infant	90	39
Cavendish Close Junior	90	
Chaddesden Park Infant	60	26
Chaddesden Park Junior	60	
Chellaston Infant	120	
Cherry Tree Hill Primary	65	26
Dale Community Primary	75 KS1 / 81 KS2	
da Vinci Community College	150	
Derby Moor Community Sports College	252	
Derwent Community	30	39
Firs Estate Primary	45	39
Gayton Community Junior	90	
Grampian Primary	30	26
Griffe Field Primary	60	26
Hardwick Primary	60 KS1 / 90 KS2	30
Homefields Primary	30	26
Lakeside Community Primary	50	52
Lawn Primary	60	
Lees Brook Community Sports College – Enhanced Resource School	219	
Littleover Community School	INCREASED FROM 252	265
Markeaton Primary – Enhanced Resource School	45	
Meadow Farm Community Primary	30	26
Mickleover Primary	55	
Moorhead Primary	40	
Nightingale Primary	60	52
Oakwood Infant	90	39
Oakwood Junior	90	
Parkview Primary	30	26
Pear Tree Infant	90	
Pear Tree Community Junior	90	
Portway Infant	80	
Portway Junior	80	
Ravensdale Infant	75	30
Ravensdale Junior	75	
Redwood Infant	75	50
Redwood Junior	75	
Reigate Primary – Enhanced Resource School	60	26
Ridgeway Infant	90	
Roe Farm Primary	45	52
Rosehill Infant and Nursery	50	39
Shelton Infant	70	26
Silverhill Primary	52	
Sinfin Community	221	
Sinfin Primary	20	26
Springfield Primary	30	
St Chad's Church of England (Controlled) Nursery and Infant	40	39
Village Primary	75	39
Wren Park Primary	TO BE KEPT AT 54	54