



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## COUNCIL CABINET 26 April 2005

Report of the Director of Education

# ITEM 22

### **Determination of Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2006 –2007**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. To agree the proposed admission arrangements for 2006-2007, with changes from 2005-2006 as set out in paragraphs 3.4 to 3.7

#### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To comply with the recommendations contained within the DfES School Admissions Code of Practice that Primary Admissions from September 2006 are to be co-ordinated by the Council.
- 2.2 To allow Littleover Community School and Derby Moor Community Sports College to operate 9 classes of 28.
- 2.3 To change the measurement from 'shortest available walking route' to 'straight line' makes administration quicker and easier and the process is more transparent for parents.

#### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 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 2006 to be completed before 1 March 2005 and be determined by 15 April 2005.
- 3.2 We have consulted as required on our proposed admission arrangements for 2006-2007. The consultation included all schools in Derby, as well as Derbyshire County Council and schools in Derbyshire that border the city. No responses critical of the proposed new arrangements have been received, except as detailed in paragraph 3.7
- 3.3 Following consultation, it is proposed that our current admission arrangements, set out on page 7 of the Secondary 'Admissions Handbook 2005-2006 and page 5 of the Primary 'Admissions Handbook 2005-2006, found at [www.derby.gov.uk/HiRes/Learning/AdmissionsToSchools/Admissionsbooklet.hmt](http://www.derby.gov.uk/HiRes/Learning/AdmissionsToSchools/Admissionsbooklet.hmt) should be adopted as our arrangements for 2006-2007 subject to the following amendments.

- 3.4 Dates given on page 3 of the primary booklet about requesting a place for all Derby City primary schools need to reflect deadline for the co-ordinated scheme of 16 December 2005.
- 3.5 Dates given on page 7 of the secondary booklet about requesting a secondary school place need to reflect the deadline appropriate for 2006. The appropriate date will be 24 October 2005. The national offer date will remain as 1 March 2006.
- 3.6 The 'tie-break' measurement on pages 5 and 7 respectively of the primary and secondary booklets should be changed to a straight-line measurement. This method can be quickly automated by the software and therefore reduces the need for officers to check accessibility of footpaths and alleys. This change is being made in authorities across the country.
- 3.7 As a result of the consultation, Derby Moor Community Sports College and Littleover Community School responded with a request to increase their admissions number from 240 and 230 respectively, to 252 for each school. This number reflects a historical pattern within both schools of accommodating more than the published admission number and to agree to the increase does not mean that the schools would admit more pupils than in previous years. The proposed number of 252 remains within the accommodation capacity of both schools, and allows them to be more organisationally efficient. Further consultation was undertaken with other secondary schools likely to be affected.

#### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4. None.

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**Background papers:** Admissions Handbook – Primary and Secondary  
**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Implications  
Appendix 2 – Published Admission Numbers

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. Pupil numbers are the main determinant of school budgets.

**Legal**

2. Contained within the body of the report.

**Personnel**

3. None arising from this report.

**Equalities impact**

4. None arising from this report.

**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 **develop effective partnerships with all stakeholders, especially Derby residents**.

## Appendix 2

School	Published Admission Number 2006/2007
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	144
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
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	90
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

