

Cabinet

20 February 2020

Determination of Admission Arrangements and Co-ordinated Scheme for the 2021/2022 Academic year

Recommendations

That Cabinet

- 1) approves the Admission Arrangements and Co-ordinated Scheme for school admissions during the 2021/2022 Academic year as outlined in the appendices.
- 2) authorises the Strategic Director for Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Education and Learning to approve Admission Arrangements and the Co-ordinated Scheme in future years, unless those arrangements or schemes are subject to consultation as outlined in Section 1 below.

1. Key Issues

- 1.1 All schools must have admission arrangements that clearly set out how children will be admitted, including the criteria that will be applied if there are more applications than places at the school. Admission arrangements are determined by the relevant admission authority for that school.
- 1.2 Warwickshire County Council is the admissions authority for all Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools within Warwickshire.
- 1.3 Admissions authorities must set (or 'determine') admission arrangements annually. Where changes are proposed to admission arrangements, the admission authority must first publicly consult on those arrangements. If no changes are made to admission arrangements, they must be consulted on at least once every 7 years.
- 1.4 No changes are proposed to the 2021/ 2022 Admission Arrangements for any schools where the Local Authority is the admission authority. A full consultation was undertaken prior to the approval of the 2020/2021 Admission Arrangements, therefore in line with the Department for Education School Admissions Code if no changes are proposed consultation is not required until 2026.

- 1.5 It is proposed that the administration of in-year admissions for 2021/ 2022 remain with the Local Authority. While it is no longer a legal requirement for Local Authorities to process such applications, retaining this function provides numerous benefits in regard to pupil safeguarding, the tracking of vulnerable children and the operation of the Fair Access Protocol. The majority of admission authorities have indicated they wish for the Local Authority to continue to carry out this function on their behalf. No extra resources are required to do this.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 None

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1 None

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 None

5. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 5.1 If approved, the proposed admission arrangements will apply to applications received for the 2021 entry year (co-ordination) and for in-year admissions relating to the 2021/22 academic year.

Appendices

1. Appendix A - Admission Arrangements Co-ordinated Scheme for the 2021/2022 Academic year - Primary
2. Appendix B - Admission Arrangements Co-ordinated Scheme for the 2021/2022 Academic year – Secondary
3. Appendix C - Published Admission Numbers - Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools

Background Papers

None

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