

Decision Record – Amendment to 2020/2021 Admissions Arrangements

Lead Member	Leader
Date of decision	21 February 2020
	Signed

Decision taken

That the Leader approves that the existing 2020/2021 Admission Arrangements are amended in line with the School Adjudicators determination.

Reasons for decisions

The Office of the Schools Adjudicator considered the admission arrangements for September 2020 for community and voluntary controlled schools in the area of Warwickshire County Council in accordance with section 88I(5) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and found that the provisions in the arrangements relating to the education of children outside their chronological year group, deferred entry to, and part-time attendance in, Reception do not conform with the requirements in the School Admissions Code.

In addition, the Schools Adjudicator also found that other matters regarding an inaccurate definition of 'Looked After' and 'Formerly Looked After' children, and the specific wording regarding the processes concerning changes of address and multiple applications made by separated parents within the published arrangements do not conform with the requirements relating to admission arrangements and require clarification.

All amendments and clarifications required following the Schools Adjudicators determination have been incorporated into the updated 2020/2021 Admission Arrangements.

Background information

Cabinet approved the 2020/2021 Admission Arrangements and coordinated Scheme on 14th February 2019.

All processes and guidance documentation relating to the education of children outside their chronological year group, deferred entry to, and part-time attendance in, Reception have also been updated inline with the Schools Adjudicators determination and revised Admission

Arrangements.

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Financial implications

None

Environmental implications

None directly from this report although effective schools admissions processes can reduce journeys to and from school.

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Lead Member	Leader

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

Lists of reports considered

- [School Admission Arrangements and Coordinated Schemes – 2020/21\(Cabinet report\)](#)

List of background papers

No Background papers

Appendices

- [School Adjudicator Determination REF3627](#)
1. 2020/2021 Admission Arrangements and Coordinated Scheme - Primary - Amended February 2020
 2. 2020/2021 Admission Arrangements and Coordinated Scheme - Primary Oversubscription Criteria - Amended February 2020

3. 2020/2021 Admission Arrangements and Coordinated Scheme - Secondary - Amended February 2020
4. 2020/2021 Admission Arrangements and Coordinated Scheme - Secondary Oversubscription Criteria - Amended February 2020

Members and officers consulted and informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Izzi Seccombe

Corporate Board

Legal – Guy Darvill, Ian Marriott

Finance – Virginia Rennie

Equality

Democratic Services – Paul Williams

Councillors – Councillor Colin Hayfield

Local Member(s): N/A