

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CHILDREN'S SERVICES)

TITLE: Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary and Secondary Schools for the 2024-2025 School Year

REPORT TO:	CABINET
Date of Meeting	25 January 2023
Cabinet Member Portfolio	CHILDREN'S SERVICES
Key Decision	Yes
Public or Private	Public

Purpose of report

To seek Cabinet's approval for the policy for the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled primary and secondary schools for the 2024-2025 school year. There are no proposed changes to the arrangements of the previous year.

Council Plan priority

The proposed arrangements primarily support the Council Plan's priority for a ***Learning Barnsley*** through which children and young people achieve the best outcomes, including improved educational attainment, by admission and attendance at schools' which are judged to be 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

- 1. Approve the proposed policy of admission to community and voluntary primary and secondary schools in the Borough to ensure compliance with school admissions legislation during the 2024/25 school year.**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Council is the admissions authority for all maintained community and

voluntary controlled schools within the Borough.

- 1.2 Admission authorities determine the admission arrangements for the school(s) for which they have responsibility. A report is submitted to Cabinet on an annual basis to approve the admission arrangements for maintained community and voluntary controlled schools within the Borough for the admission year. Local Authorities must determine the admission arrangements each year even if no consultation has been required.
- 1.3 This fulfils the requirement in Section 89 of the School Standards & Framework Act 1998.
- 1.4 The determination of the admission arrangements must be finalised no later than 28th February in the determination year, namely by 28th February 2023. A copy of the proposed admission arrangements for community and voluntary primary and secondary schools in the Borough is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

2. PROPOSAL

- 2.1 The draft policy is fully compliant with the requirements of the School Admissions legislation which sets out the statutory duties of the Local Authority.

2. IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

3.1 Financial and Risk

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

The proposed policy is fully compliant with the School Admissions Code and legislation.

Failure by the Authority to comply with the requirements of the legislation would be a breach of the Authority's statutory duty. Failure to comply may result in an objection being made to the Schools Adjudicator or a complaint to the Secretary of State.

3.2 Legal

There are no specific implications arising from this report and the scheme is fully compliant with legislation, ensuring that the Council is meeting obligations in relation to statutory requirements.

3.3 Equality

The proposed policy complies with all relevant legislation and is fair and transparent across the Borough for all service users. An equality impact assessment has been compiled and is appended to this report.

3.4 Sustainability

There are no implications for sustainability in the Borough directly arising through consideration of the proposed admission arrangements for the 2024/25 school year.

3.5 Employee

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

3.6 Communications

There no implications arising from this report.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1** Formal consultation has not been required in accordance with legislation and Codes of Practice which specifies that consultation only need be undertaken every 7 years if there are no changes. The last consultation was for the academic year 2019-20 as there have been no changes. This will be reviewed next year to determine whether any changes or consultation is required.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1** Not applicable to the statutory duty to admission arrangements for admission to school

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1** To ensure compliance with the Council's statutory obligation to determine admission arrangements each year.

7. GLOSSARY

None

8. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Draft Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary and Secondary Schools (2024/2025)

Appendix 2: Equality Impact Assessment - Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary and Secondary Schools (2024/2025)

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

School Admissions Code 2021

Draft Admission Arrangements for Primary and Secondary Schools 2024-2025

Section 89 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 as amended
Schedule 4 to the Education Act 2002

The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012

The Education (Relevant Areas for Consultation on Admission Arrangements) Regulations 1999.

Admission to School - Advice to Parents Booklet 2022-2023

Background papers can be inspected by contacting the School Admissions Section, Children's Services Directorate.

If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email governance@barnsley.gov.uk so that appropriate arrangements can be made

10. REPORT SIGN OFF

Financial consultation & sign off	Senior Financial Services officer consulted and date <i>Joshua Amahwe (16/12/2022)</i>
Legal consultation & sign off	Legal Services officer consulted and date <i>Jason Field 19/12/22</i>

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