

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of People
to
Cabinet
on
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Agenda
Item No.

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School Admissions Arrangements for Community Schools 2016/17

Executive Councillor: Councillor Mrs Anne Jones

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To approve the published admissions numbers and to determine the admission arrangements for community schools for 2016/17.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the published admission arrangements for community schools for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 1 be determined.**

3. Background

- 3.1 Cabinet received a report on the 11th November 2014 about the school admission arrangements for community schools and the coordination of admissions for all schools for the academic year 2016/17. Members agreed that there would be no consultation on the admissions arrangements for community schools and that a consultation with governing bodies of community schools take place on the published admission numbers (PAN) for schools for September 2016, as set out in the School Admissions Code.
- 3.2 There was one change to the PANs used in 2015 with Porters Grange Primary School reverting to a published admission number of 60 that was in previous years 90.
- 3.3 The published admission numbers for Hamstel Infant and Junior schools and The Federation of Greenways Infant School increase to 150 following the agreement for the permanent expansion at the schools through the statutory process.
- 3.4 The proposed published admission numbers were sent to community schools and the closing date for any comments was 13th February 2015.

4. Responses to the Consultation

- 4.1 Two community schools requested an increase to their PAN. Hinguar Primary School requested an increase from 30 to 33 and Barons Court requested a PAN increase from 30 to 35.
- 4.2 Officers did not agree with the request to increase the PAN from 30 to 33 for Hinguar Primary School as a consequence of the school being judged by Ofsted as Requiring Improvement. The request was turned down, at this stage, based on the challenges the school face and the potential burden of having additional pupils in all classes, whilst trying to improve outcomes for the pupils at the school.
- 4.3 The request to increase PAN from 30 to 35 for Barons Court Primary was agreed by officers. The request is supported as the school is judged by Ofsted as being a Good school. The proposal for the increase showed adequate teaching resources to meet Infant Class Size regulations. The current mix of year groups and the spaces available support the increase.
- 4.4 No other comments were received from Community schools by the closing date. The list of the proposed PAN's for 2016/17 is set out within the admission arrangements in Appendix 1.
- 4.5 Cabinet are asked to approve the published admission numbers for Community Schools for 2016/17 and determine the admission arrangements as set out in Appendix 1.

5. Other Admission Matters

- 5.1 Cabinet also considered as part of the report on 11th November 2014 the Coordinated Admission Arrangements Scheme for 2016 onwards and if there were minor issues to be resolved, following consultation with schools, that decisions on minor amendments be delegated to the Corporate Director for People and the Executive Councillor for Children & Learning. There were some comments about the reference to the admission summer of born children that were incorporated into the scheme.
- 5.2 The Corporate Director for People and the Executive Councillor for Children & Learning agreed the minor amendments and the Coordinated Scheme was published on the Council website on 1st January 2015 at:
<http://www.southend.gov.uk/downloads/file/3249/co-ordinated-admissions-scheme-2016-17>

5.3 Academy, Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools are responsible for determining their own admission arrangements and admission numbers. Changes in regulations only require consultation if there have been changes in arrangements from the previous year or once every seven years. A list of the determined PAN for 2016 for Academy, Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools is attached at Appendix 2 for information only. The Eastwood Academy have consulted on an increase of their PAN from 168 to 180 and this is the only proposed change to published admission numbers in these schools that we have been notified of.

6. Reasons for Recommendations

6.1 The Council has a duty to determine the admission arrangements for community schools by 15th April each year.

7. Corporate Implications

7.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

These arrangements will assist pupils within the Borough to access quality learning opportunities to achieve the best possible outcomes for all children.

7.2 Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications for the Council. The administration of school admissions is funded from the Dedicated Schools Grant.

7.3 Legal Implications

The determination of admission arrangements for community schools is a statutory requirement.

7.4 People Implications

None

7.5 Property Implications

None.

7.6 Consultation

Consultation and consideration has taken place with: Admissions Forum on 9th October 2014; and individual Governing Bodies of schools.

7.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

Specified PAN's and clear oversubscription criteria are necessary to ensure fair access to school places.

7.8 Risk Assessment

If the Council does not agree the arrangements the Secretary of State could intervene and the Council's reputation will suffer.

7.9 Value for Money

No direct implications.

7.10 Community Safety Implications
None envisaged.

7.11 Environmental Impact
None envisaged

8. Background Papers

8.1 School Admissions Code 2012 –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code> and

8.2 Advice on the admission of summer born children July 2013

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/308008/Summer_born_advice_amended_May_14.pdf

8.3 Cabinet Report - School Admissions Arrangements for Community Schools and the Coordinated Admission Arrangements for Academic year 2016/17 11th November 2014-

<http://apps.southend.gov.uk>

9. Appendices

9.1 **Appendix 1** Admissions Arrangements for Community Schools 2016/17

9.2 **Appendix 2** -. Own Admission Authority Schools -Published Admission Numbers 2016



**Admissions arrangements for Community
Schools
for September 2016 round of admissions**

February 2015

1. Community Schools Published Admissions Number 2016/17

Community Primary Schools	Admission limit for 2016/17
Barons Court Primary School & Nursery	35 (years R and Year 3)
Blenheim Primary School, School Way	90
Bournemouth Park Primary School	90
Bournes Green Infant School	60
Bournes Green Junior School	66
Chalkwell Hall Infant School	105
Chalkwell Hall Junior School	105
Earls Hall Primary School	90
Edwards Hall Primary School	60
Fairways Primary School	60
Friars Primary School & Nursery	60
Hamstel Infant School	150
Hamstel Junior School	150
Heycroft Primary School	60
Hinguar Community Primary School	30
Leigh Infant School	90
Leigh North Street Junior	90
Porters Grange Primary School & Nursery	60
Richmond Primary School	60
Temple Sutton Primary School	120
Federation of Greenways Schools -Thorpe Greenways Infant School	150
Federation of Greenways Schools -Thorpe Greenways Junior School	120
West Leigh Infant School	120
West Leigh Junior School	128

2 Oversubscription criteria

For community primary schools the admissions policy is that, if at the closing date for applications, there are not enough places for all those who have expressed a wish to have their child admitted to a particular school, places will be allocated using the following criteria:

a) Reception intake:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children (see explanatory note);
2. Pupils who live in the catchment area served by the school and who have an older sibling attending the school or attending the “partner” junior school;
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area served by the school;
4. Pupils who live outside the catchment area served by the school and who have an older sibling attending the school or attending the “partner” junior school;
5. Pupils who live outside the catchment area served by the school.

b) Junior school intake:

Priority will be given to those pupils currently attending the “partner” infant school. Provided that the number of pupils in year 2 of the infant school does not exceed the admission limit of the junior school they will all be guaranteed a place. If places remain unfilled the following criteria will be used, in priority order to allocate places up to the annual admission limit of the junior school.

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children (see explanatory note);
2. Pupils who live in the catchment area served by the school and who have an older sibling attending the school;
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area served by the school;
4. Pupils who live outside the catchment area served by the school and who have an older sibling attending the school;
5. Pupils who live outside the catchment area served by the school.

2. Oversubscription criteria for Leigh Infant and Leigh North Street Junior School for September 2016.

a) Reception intake:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children (see explanatory note);
2. Pupils who live in the catchment area served by the school and who have an older sibling attending the school or attending Leigh North Street Junior School;
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area served by the school;
4. Pupils who live outside the catchment served by the school and who have an older sibling attending Leigh Infant School or Leigh North Street Junior School;
5. Pupils who live in the catchment area of West Leigh Infant and Junior Schools;
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment served by the school or outside the West Leigh Infant and Junior Schools catchment area

b) Junior school intake:

Priority will be given to those pupils currently attending Leigh infant school. Provided that the number of pupils in year 2 of the Leigh Infant school does not exceed the admission limit of Leigh North Street Junior School they will all be guaranteed a place. If places remain unfilled the following criteria will be used, in priority order to allocate places up to the annual admission limit of the Leigh North Street Junior school.

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children,(see explanatory note)
2. Pupils who live in the catchment area served by the school and who have an older sibling attending the school;
3. Pupils who live in the catchment area served by the school;
4. Pupils who live outside the catchment area served by the school and who have an older sibling attending the school;
5. Pupils who live in the catchment area of West Leigh Infant and Junior Schools;
6. Pupils who live outside the catchment served by the school or outside the West Leigh Infant and Junior Schools catchment area.

4. Explanatory notes:

Any reference to previously looked after children means children who were adopted (or subject to residence or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after.

Pupils with Statements of Special Educational Needs that name a particular school are required to be admitted and the admission authority does not have the right to refuse admission.

In the case of over subscription in any one category "straight line" distance will be used to measure the distance between the pupil's home and the nearest pupil entrance to the school. Distances will be measured using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system. The pupils living closest will be given priority.

If the pupil's home is a flat the distance will be measured to the main external entrance to the building. If the same distance is shared by more than one pupil, and only one place is available, the place will be awarded on the basis of a computerised random allocation process (supervised by someone independent of the Council / governing body).

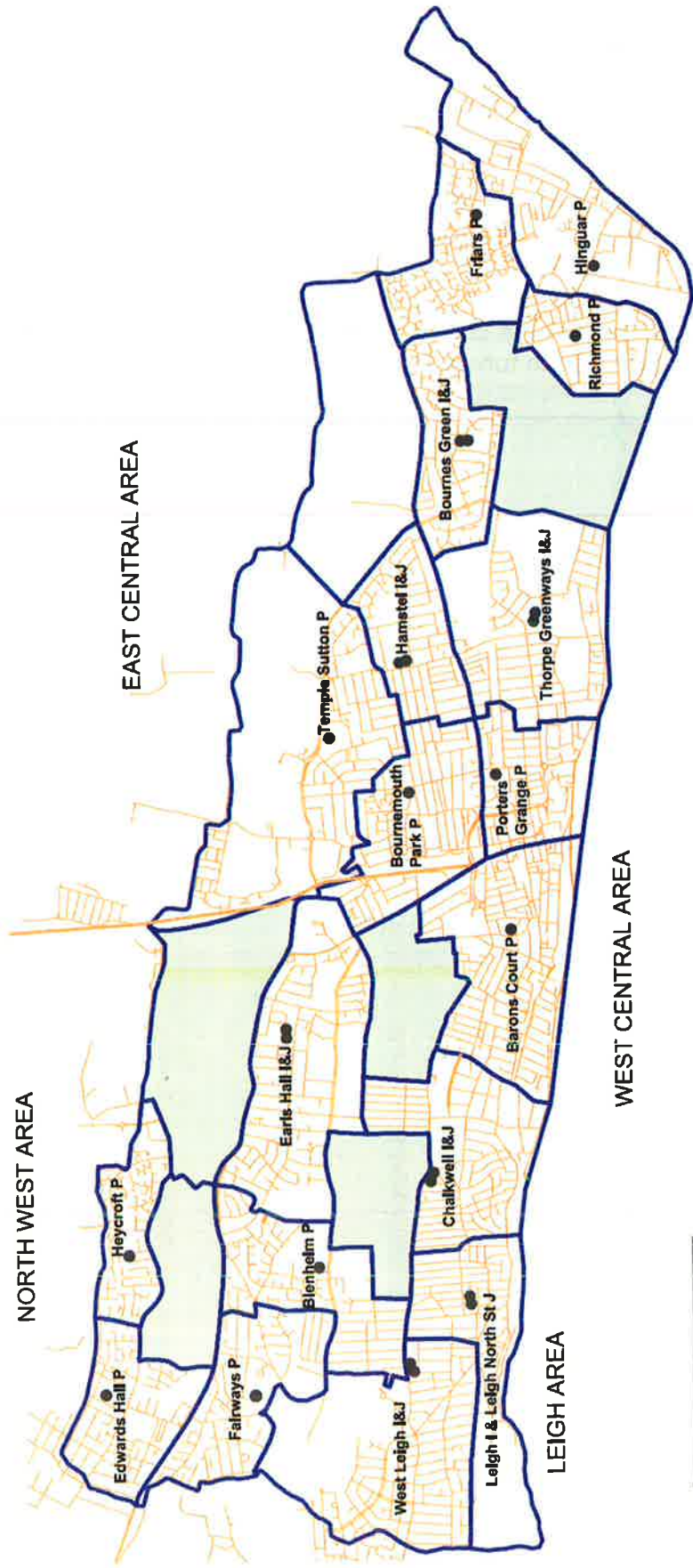
All admissions criteria for pupils applying to start the Reception year and year 3 (in a separate Junior school) refer to the closing date for admission applications. For all other applications the criteria will refer to the date the application is received by the Council.

Siblings are considered to be an older brother or sister, half-brother or half-sister, step-brother or step-sister, adopted brother or sister, living at the same address, who attends the school at the time of application with a reasonable expectation that he or she will still be attending at the time of the proposed admission.

In the exceptional situation where one twin or one or two triplets are refused a place, in order to keep family members together the additional pupil(s) will be admitted even if this results in the admission limit for the year group being exceeded.

If it is not possible to offer the child a place at any community school, details of the appeals process will be forwarded to the parent by the School Admissions Team.

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Maps showing all Community Primary Schools with Catchment Areas in the Borough



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Appendix 2

Own Admission Authority Schools Published Admission Numbers 2016/17

School Name	PAN 2016	Status
Primary Schools		
Darlinghurst School	120	Academy
Eastwood Primary School	60	Foundation
Milton Hall Primary School	90	Foundation
Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Primary School	60	Voluntary Aided
Prince Avenue Academy	60	Academy
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery	60	Voluntary Aided
St Georges RC Primary School	30	Voluntary Aided
St Helens RC Primary School	60	Voluntary Aided
St Marys Prittlewell Church of England Primary School	120	Voluntary Aided
The Westborough Academy	60	Academy
Thorpedene Primary School	90	Foundation
Secondary Schools		
Belfairs Academy	232	Academy
Cecil Jones College	280	Foundation
Chase High School	196	Foundation
Futures Community College	168	Foundation
St Bernard's High School & Arts College	145	Academy
St Thomas More High School	150	Academy
Shoeburyness High School	280	Academy
Southend High School for Boys	150	Academy
Southend High School for Girls	150	Academy
The Eastwood School	180	Academy
Westcliff High School for Boys	154	Academy
Westcliff High School for Girls	154	Academy

