

TITLE Update on infant to junior transfer September 2011, entry to primary 2011 and primary to secondary transfer September 2011

FOR CONSIDERATION BY School Admissions Forum on 14 June 2011

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Forum with information regarding the allocation of places for those entering infant or primary schools into Foundation Stage 2 (as a rising 5) for those children born 1 September 2006 to 31 March 2007. Full-time places were offered to start school at a single point of entry – September 2011 due to a change in legislation and parents could opt to defer their child's school place or request to start part-time.

The report also covers the two main transfer groups – those children moving from infant to junior schools and those children moving from primary to secondary schools in September 2011.

The allocation for all cohorts was made by the agreed published dates. 21 April 2011 for entry to primary, 12 April 2011 for the infant to junior transfer and the national offer date of 1 March 2011 for the primary to secondary transfer.

This is the first year where parents applied to their home local authority for all three transfer groups and co-ordination took place between local authorities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Forum to note the information.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Entry to primary:

Places were allocated in line with published arrangements but due to higher than expected numbers of applications, the decision was taken by the Children's Services Leadership Team to approach three schools to admit a limited number of children above the schools' admission number in order that the authority could meet its' statutory duty of ensuring that every Wokingham Borough child has a school place. The decision was made taking into account the high number of children who would have needed to be allocated to a school not of their parents' choice, some distance from their home address and to ensure sufficient places for late applicants.

It was predicted that there would be a high demand for places following the experience of last year; what was not known was precise numbers; the distribution of those children in the Borough or the affect of migration into the Borough on the birth data held.

The areas identified as having significant pressure were the south west of the Borough, where 26 additional places were made available at Shinfield Infant & Nursery School; west Wokingham and Winnersh in particular, where 26 additional places were made available at Winnersh Primary School and Lower Earley where 20 additional places were made available at The Hawkedon Primary School. The latter two changes to be a permanent change to the admission number for this year group. The decision to allocate extra places at these three schools satisfied the ability of the authority to meet more parental preferences and to provide sufficient places for late or in-year applications. The south east area also had high demand for places.

As last year, the tight timetable for handling applications for this cohort and modelling the impact of the proposed changes; meant that discussion with the headteachers of the schools concerned and final decisions were made during the Easter holidays. Discussions had been ongoing throughout the year with primary school area groups, following last year's emergency measures, alerting schools to the likely demand and the authority would like to record its thanks to schools and to these three schools in particular for their positive and helpful attitude in resolving the ongoing unprecedented demand.

The attached schedule gives details of the allocation and reflects the numbers of places at individual schools remaining to handle late and future in-year applications at the time of allocation.

Discussion continue to be held with each primary area to identify more permanent solutions taking into account the net capacity assessments and layouts of schools to identify schools that may be expanded in the future.

1,828 applications were received by the deadline from Wokingham Borough residents, an increase of 77 on last year. 445 expressed one preference, 396 expressed two preferences and 987 expressed three preferences. 65.5% applied online (62.5% last year).

1,556 Wokingham Borough residents received an offer of their first preferred school, 158 their second preferred school and 47 their third preferred school. 96.3% received the offer of a preferred school (98.5% last year).

A total of 67 pupils, whose parental preference could not be met, were allocated to the nearest school with places and the authority had received 26 late applications to be considered after the notification date of 21 April. The number of late applications received at the date of this report is: 62. 144 places were allocated to children living in other local authorities.

At the date of this report, there are places at: All Saint's -4; Crazies Hill - 5; Hawkedon - 1; Highwood – 4; Rivermead – 20; South Lake – 1; Winnersh - 4; Woodley CE – 9 and Shinfield Infant & Nursery – 23.

Appeal information is included in the Annual Report to the Office of the School's Adjudicator.

The parents of 59 children have indicated that they wish to defer their school place (39 to January and 20 to April) and there have been 104 requests to start their children part-time.

Infant to Junior transfer:

Places were allocated in line with published arrangements and there were sufficient places in the Borough at the time of allocation. Children attending the linked infant school were afforded a higher priority in the oversubscription criteria.

The attached schedule reflects the allocation and gives details of the number of places available at individual schools.

514 applications were received from Wokingham Borough residents (491 last year). 355 expressed one preference, 103 expressed two preferences and 56 expressed three preferences. 55% applied online (59% last year).

487 received an offer of their first preferred school; 15 were offered their second preferred school and 2 pupils were allocated to the third preferred school. 4 pupils were allocated to the nearest school with places as their preferred schools were full. The remainder were not allocated a school place as they are currently attending a primary school. The number of late applications received at the date of this report is: 8.

Places available at the date of this report are: Gorse Ride – 3, Oaklands – 2, Polehampton CE – 3, Robert Piggott CE – 9, Shinfield St Mary's CE Aided – 15, Westende – 3 and Willow Bank – 4. Emmbrook and St Paul's CE are full.

Appeal information is included in the Annual Report to the Office of the School's Adjudicator.

Primary to Secondary transfer:

Places were allocated in line with published arrangements and there were sufficient places in the Borough at the time of allocation.

1,703 applications were received from Wokingham Borough residents (1,769 last year). 346 expressed one preference, 343 expressed two preferences and 1,014 expressed three preferences. 69% applied online (48% last year).

1,339 received an offer of their first preferred school, 264 their second preferred school and 62 their third preferred school. 26 pupils were allocated to the nearest school with places as their preferred schools were full. Those requesting grammar only preferences were not allocated to an alternative school although parents were advised what schools still had places. There were 3 late applications to be considered after 1 March. The number of late applications received at the date of this report is: 37.

Places available at the date of this report are The Bulmershe – 93, The Emmbrook – 16, The Forest – 15, St Crispin's - 13 and Waingels College – 2.

Appeal information is included in the Annual Report to the Office of the School's Adjudicator

Annexes

Allocation schedules for each of the transfer groups at the date of allocation are attached as appendices to the report.

List of Background Papers

Allocations schedules for the three transfer groups as at date of offer

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ALLOCATION OF PRIMARY AND INFANT SCHOOL PLACES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2011/2012

Allocation as at 21 April 2011 School	Oversubscription Criteria							Unsuccessful applications - nearest available school*	Admission Number	Number Allocated	Number of preferences (1st 2nd & 3rd preferences combined) for the school received by the deadline
	Children with Statements of Special Education Need and Criterion A - Looked after Children	Criterion B - Medical, physical or psychological condition	Criterion C - Siblings living in designated area	Criterion D - Designated Area	Criterion E - Siblings living outside designated area	Criterion F - Denominational	Criterion G - Any other children				
Aldryngton Primary	0	0	18	21	5	n/a	1	0	45	45	192
All Saints CE (Aided) Primary	This is an aided school and places were allocated in accordance with the school policy							17	**45	**40	47
Bearwood Primary	0	0	12	14	4	n/a	6	5	41	41	67
Beechwood Primary	2	1	2	9	14	n/a	17	0	45	45	147
Colleton Primary (The)	0	1	15	19	0	n/a	0	0	35	35	109
Coombes CE Primary (The)	1	0	25	28	21	n/a	0	0	75	75	131
Crazies Hill CE Primary	0	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	15	6	27
Earley St Peters CE Aided Primary	This is an aided school and places were allocated in accordance with the school policy							0	70	70	134
Emmbrook Infant	0	0	15	16	14	n/a	15	0	60	60	149
Farley Hill Primary	0	0	14	16	0	n/a	0	0	30	30	113
Finchampstead CE Aided Primary	This is an aided school and places were allocated in accordance with the school policy							0	17	17	59
Gorse Ride Infant	1	0	25	23	5	n/a	6	0	60	60	131
Grazeley Parochial CE Aided Primary	This is an aided school and places were allocated in accordance with the school policy							0	15	15	33
Hatch Ride Primary	0	0	15	10	0	n/a	5	0	30	30	81
Hawkedon Primary	0	1	23	42	2	n/a	14	3	***70	85	165
Hawthorns Primary (The)	0	0	22	35	3	n/a	0	0	60	60	201
Highwood Primary	**4	0	3	4	3	n/a	8	4	**30	**26	36
Hillside Primary	0	0	13	25	12	n/a	10	0	60	60	117
Keep Hatch Primary	1	0	15	23	9	n/a	12	0	60	60	102
Lambs Lane Primary	**2	0	9	19	0	n/a	0	0	**30	**30	87
Loddon Primary	0	0	20	27	4	n/a	8	1	60	60	127
Nine Mile Ride Primary	0	1	8	11	13	n/a	18	0	50	****51	142
Oaklands Infant	0	0	22	14	5	n/a	13	6	60	60	104

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Polehampton CE Infant	0	0	16	30	5	0	9	0	60	60	127
Radstock Primary	0	0	20	28	6	n/a	6	0	60	60	241
Rivermead Primary	0	0	11	16	4	n/a	5	0	60	36	82
Robert Piggott CE Infant (The)	0	0	8	16	7	0	13	0	45	44	74
Shinfield Infant & Nursery	0	0	6	23	8	n/a	12	20	***60	69	79
Sonning CE Aided Primary	This is an aided school and places were allocated in accordance with the school policy							0	30	30	84
South Lake Primary	0	0	13	27	8	n/a	8	1	60	57	90
St Dominic Savio Catholic Primary	This is an aided school and places were allocated in accordance with the school policy							0	60	60	99
St Nicholas CE Primary	0	0	8	11	1	0		0	20	20	80
St Sebastian's CE Aided Primary	This is an aided school and places were allocated in accordance with the school policy							0	24	24	56
St Teresa's Catholic Primary	This is an aided school and places were allocated in accordance with the school policy							0	45	45	83
Walter Infant	0	0	18	49	16	n/a	7	0	90	90	253
Wescott Infant	**2	0	17	37	0	n/a	0	0	56	**56	197
Whiteknights Primary	1	0	6	10	11	n/a	32	0	60	60	117
Willow Bank Infant	0	0	16	26	7	n/a	11	0	60	60	118
Winnersh Primary	1	0	23	31	3	n/a	13	2	***60	73	105
Woodley CE Primary	1	0	5	11	4	0	15	7	45	43	77

*Places allocated against this column are for those children for whom no higher ranked preference could be offered, therefore the nearest available school with places is provisionally allocated, in some cases this will be the designated area school if this is undersubscribed.

**Places at the Resource are yet to be allocated by the Special Educational Needs Team in accordance with review of individual pupil statements. These places are included within the admission number of the school. These places are reflected as allocated for the purposes of this table.

***Whilst there were sufficient places within the Borough to accommodate all those applicants who applied by the deadline, it was agreed, following discussion with the schools, to allocate a further 20 pupils to Hawkedon Primary School and a further 26 places each to Shinfield Infant and Winnersh Primary schools to create sufficient places in the Borough to accommodate late applicants due to an exceptional demand for places. The authority will not be seeking an in-year variation to the Schools Adjudicator to change the determined admission number at Shinfield Infant School and it is the intention of the authority to reduce to the determined admission number as places are refused or as children leave this school, subject to any successful appeals.

****Includes child allocated in accordance with multiple birth policy

Please refer to the Parent's Guide to Primary School Admissions for more information about how places are allocated.



ALLOCATION OF JUNIOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

Allocation breakdown as at 12 April 2011 School	Oversubscription Criteria									Admission Number	Number Allocated	Total number of preferences for the school received by the deadline, 1st, 2nd & 3rd	
	Children with Statements of Special Education Need and Looked after Children	Medical etc	Linked Junior School	Designated Area with Siblings	Designated Area	Siblings	Denominational - Voluntary Controlled schools only	Any other reasons	- Unsuccessful applications *nearest available school				
Emmbrook Junior	2	0	57	0	4	1	n/a	0	0	64	64	100	
Gorse Ride Junior	0	0	58	0	0	0	n/a	4	0	64	62	70	
Oaklands Junior	0	0	58	0	1	0	n/a	0	0	62	59	61	
Polehampton CE Junior	0	0	57	0	1	0	0	0	0	60	58	68	
Robert Piggott CE Junior	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	39	56	
Shinfield St Mary's CE Junior	This is an aided school and places were allocated in accordance with the school policy									4	63	47	48
St Paul's CE Junior	1	0	88	0	3	0	1	3	0	96	96	126	
Westende Junior	4	0	51	0	0	0	n/a	1	0	60	56	80	
Willow Bank Junior	0	0	58	0	0	0	n/a	0	0	60	58	58	
<p>*Places allocated against this column are for those children for whom no higher ranked preference could be offered, therefore the nearest available school with places is provisionally allocated, in the majority of cases this will be the designated area school if this is undersubscribed.</p> <p>Please refer to the Parent's Guide to School Admissions for children transferring from Infant to Junior School for more information about how places are allocated.</p>													



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

ALLOCATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES TO START YEAR 7 IN SEPTEMBER 2011

AS AT 1 MARCH 2011

School	Oversubscription Criteria									*Unsuccessful applications nearest available school allocated	Admission Number	Number Allocated	Total number of preferences received for the school by the deadline
	Children with Statements of Special Education Need and Criterion A - Looked after Children	B - Medical, physical or psychological conditions	C - Designated area with siblings	D - Designated area	E - Siblings living outside designated area	F - Linked primary	G - Single sex/coeducational	H - Any other children					
The Bulmershe	4	0	35	64	9	11	0	16	40	240	179	356	
The Emmbrook	8	0	43	61	39	11	35	13	0	210	210	653	
The Forest	1	1	20	87	16	11	34	30	0	200	200	429	
The Holt	3	1	37	139	1	10	9	0	0	200	200	450	
Maiden Erlegh	16	1	90	156	15	0	0	0	0	278	278	799	
The Piggott CE	This is an aided school and places were allocated in accordance with the school policy									0	180	180	458
St Crispin's	3	0	34	63	18	14	12	40	2	189	186	560	
Waingels College	2	1	74	109	14	15	0	25	0	240	240	440	

*Places allocated against this column are for those children for whom no higher ranked preference could be offered, therefore the nearest available school with places is provisionally allocated, in the majority of cases this will be the designated area school if this is undersubscribed.

Please refer to the Parent's Guide to Secondary School Admissions for more information about how places are allocated.

TITLE Department for Education consultation on the changes to the Admissions Framework

FOR CONSIDERATION BY Admissions Forum on 14 June 2011

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to notify members of the School Admissions Forum that the Department for Education issued its consultation on changes to the admissions framework on 27 May 2011.

The documentation can be downloaded at:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1744&external=no&menu=1>

The consultation closes on Friday 19 August 2011.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Consideration to be given by members of the Forum regarding the issuing of a formal response to the consultation by the Forum or contribution to the local authority formal response.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Department for Education has issued a draft School Admissions Code totalling 29 pages (current Code totals 86 pages) and the draft School Admissions Appeals Code totalling 21 pages (current Appeals Code numbers 42 pages).

The website provides a summary document of the proposed changes.

A more detailed summary will be brought to the meeting when officers have had the opportunity to compare the current and proposed Codes together with an initial impact assessment of the proposed changes.

List of Background Papers

Relevant regulations	
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