

Admission Arrangements for Voluntary Controlled and Community Schools for 2020/21

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Forward Plan Reference:	FP/18/10/08		
Summary:	<p>This report seeks authority for Cabinet to determine the Local Authority admission arrangements for all Voluntary Controlled and Community schools for 2020/21 as required by the School Admissions Code and associated legislation.</p> <p>The current approved arrangements were endorsed by the Cabinet in February 2018.</p>		
Recommendations:	<p>That the Cabinet agrees the determination of the Admission Arrangements for all Voluntary Controlled and Community Schools for 2020/21 as set out in this report, noting that there are no proposed amendments as the current arrangements are fit for purpose.</p>		

Reasons for Recommendations:	It is a requirement of the School Admissions Code that all Admission Authorities determine their admission arrangements for 2020/21 by 28 February 2019.
Links to Priorities and Impact on Service Plans:	<p>Links to the County Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to protect and care for the most vulnerable children, adults and families in the community and support their carers. • Improve the prospects of children and young people most at risk of being disadvantaged.
Consultations undertaken:	There are no proposed changes however, the School Admissions Code December 2014 stipulates that Local Authority admission arrangements for Voluntary Controlled and Community schools must be determined by the Admission Authority by 28 February each year. The School Admissions Code is national statutory guidance issued by the Department for Education which all admission authorities must adhere to.
Financial Implications:	There are no financial implications. The admission arrangements meet the requirements of the School Admissions Code and the Schools Standard and Framework Act 1998.
Legal Implications:	The admission arrangements meet the requirements of the School Admissions Code and the Schools Standard and Framework Act 1998.
HR Implications:	There are no HR implications. The admission arrangements meet the requirements of the School Admissions Code and the Schools Standard and Framework Act 1998.
Risk Implications:	There is minimal risk to the Local Authority as the admission arrangements proposed are compliant with the School Admissions Code.
Other Implications (including due regard implications):	The impact is minimal as there are no proposed changes to the admission arrangements for Voluntary Controlled and Community schools and the Local Authority as the Admissions Authority is compliant with the School Admissions Code 2014.
Scrutiny comments / recommendation (if any):	Not applicable.

1. Background

- 1.1. The School Admissions Code 2014 requires all admission authorities to determine their 2020/21 admission arrangements by 28 February 2019. Where changes are proposed to admission arrangements, the admission authority must first publicly consult on those arrangements for a minimum of 6 weeks between 1 October and 31 January the year before those arrangements are due to apply. Once all arrangements have been determined, arrangements can be objected to and referred to the Schools Adjudicator by 15 May. Any decision taken by the adjudicator must be acted upon by the admission authority.

2. 2020/21 Admission Arrangements

- 2.1 The 2019/20 admission arrangements for Somerset Voluntary Controlled and Community schools are still fit for purpose, are clear and transparent and support the principle of local schools for local children. Therefore, there are no changes proposed when considering the 2020/21 admission arrangements. It is proposed that the 2019/20 admission arrangements are therefore used for the 2020/21 admission arrangements.

3. Background papers

School Admissions Code 2014

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/389388/School Admissions Code 2014 - 19 Dec.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/389388/School_Admissions_Code_2014_-_19_Dec.pdf)

Local Authority 2020/21 Primary Admission Arrangements

<https://somersetcc.sharepoint.com/sites/SSE/ADM/CONS/2020-21%20LA%20Admission%20Arrangements/LA%20primary%20arrangements%202020%20FINAL.pdf>

Local Authority 2020/21 Primary Co-ordinated Scheme

<https://somersetcc.sharepoint.com/sites/SSE/ADM/CONS/2020-21%20LA%20Admission%20Arrangements/Primary%20Coordination%20Scheme%202020%20DRAFT.pdf>

Local Authority 2020/21 Secondary Admission Arrangements

<https://somersetcc.sharepoint.com/sites/SSE/ADM/CONS/2020-21%20LA%20Admission%20Arrangements/LA%20secondary%202020%20arrangements%20FINAL.pdf>

Local Authority 2020/21 Secondary Co-ordinated Scheme

<https://somersetcc.sharepoint.com/sites/SSE/ADM/CONS/2020-21%20LA%20Admission%20Arrangements/Secondary%20Coordination%20Scheme%202020%20DRAFT.pdf>

Sixth Form Policy 2020/21

<https://somersetcc.sharepoint.com/sites/SSE/ADM/CONS/2020-21%20LA%20Admission%20Arrangements/Sixth%20Form%20Policy%202020-21%20DRAFT.pdf>

2020/21 Published Admission Numbers for VC and Community schools

<https://somersetcc.sharepoint.com/sites/SSE/ADM/CONS/2020-21%20LA%20Admission%20Arrangements/2020%20DRAFT%20Published%20Admission%20Numbers.pdf>