



School Admissions Forum

Time and Date

12.00 pm on Thursday, 23rd October, 2014

Place

Committee Room 2 - Council House

1. **Introductions and Apologies**
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2014** (Pages 3 - 6)
 - (a) Matters Arising
 - i) Blue Coat policy changes
 - ii) Secondary school expansion planning
3. **Admissions for September 2014** (Pages 7 - 12)

Reports by Sue Heawood
4. **In Year Admissions 2013/14** (Pages 13 - 16)

Reports by Sue Heawood
5. **In Year Fair Access protocol 2013/14**

Report by Marian Simpson – to follow.
6. **Information for Parents for 2015**

Sue Heawood to present report at meeting.

Hard copies of the Parents Information Booklets and Leaflets will be available at the meeting.
7. **Changes to Schools Admissions Code** (Pages 17 - 20)

Report from Sue Heawood.
8. **Any Other Business**
9. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 6 February 2015

Chris West, Executive Director, Resources, Council House Coventry

Monday, 16 October 2014

Note: The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Gurdip Paddan on ext. 3075

Membership: Councillors J Blundell and D Kershaw

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Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of School Admissions Forum held at 1.30pm on
Friday, 7 February 2014

Present:

Members: Councillor D Chater (Chair)
Councillor J Blundell

Other Members:

Rev T Colling
K Edwards
C Firth
I Rose
R Williamson

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: S Heawood
Resources: G Paddan
Place: A Simpson

Apologies:

P Burns
Councillor Kershaw
H Quinn
M Simpson

10. Introduction and welcome

In the absence of Councillor Kershaw, Councillor Chater took the Chair for this meeting. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and this was followed by introduction of the membership of the Forum.

11. Minutes

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2013 were agreed as a true record.
- b) Matters Arising:

With reference to Minute 2/2013 (b), the Forum received an update from Sue Heawood on the objection upheld by the Schools Adjudicator in respect of the Blue Coat School's policy. It was noted that a new policy would be used for late applicants and for 2015.

12. Primary co-ordinated admissions scheme 2015

The Forum received details of the proposed primary co-ordinated admissions scheme for 2015/16. It was noted that there were limited changes with references included for free schools and some dates were changed to ensure that they fell on a weekday. Members were advised that the oversubscription criteria would be remaining the same so there was no requirement to go out to consultation.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

13. Secondary co-ordinated admissions scheme 2015

The Forum considered the secondary co-ordinated admissions scheme and it was noted that there were similar issues changes to the primary scheme regarding date changes and references to free schools. The document also no longer contains references to community schools as all schools are now academies, voluntary aided or trust schools.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted

14. Consultation on school admissions arrangements for 2015

Sue Heawood reported on the consultation in respect of school admissions arrangements for 2015 and the Forum was advised that only St Mary and St Benedict Catholic Primary School had gone out to consultation.

A discussion ensued on increasing places as schools are not required to consult on increasing their admission numbers. Two secondary schools have indicated that they may be planning to increase their size but we will await confirmation.

The Forum learnt of a pilot scheme being proposed in Warwickshire, whereby Warwick Town's primary schools would be combining catchment areas into a super priority area to assist siblings from within the wider priority area being offered places at their preferred school. This scheme may be rolled out depending on its workability.

Sue Heawood was thanked for her report.

15. Choice Adviser's Annual Report

Chris Firth gave a presentation on the statistics for non-returned secondary school applications for 2014. The maps illustrated the areas where forms had not been returned for admission to secondary schools in 2014 and highlighted the breakdown of such cases in a variety of ways.

Chris also provided data on in-year transfer requests between city schools.

Chris Firth was thanked for his report.

16. New School updates

The Forum received an update report from Sue Heawood on the new schools due to open in September 2014. The progress was as follows:

- WMG Academy - this is a University Technology College (UTC) and will be opening for Year 10 students in September. The building will be located

next to Westwood Academy. At present there are 61 applicants for the places. Offers of places would be made on 3 March but if not filled the Academy would be able to continue to take late applications.

- Coventry Leadership Academy is a secondary Muslim faith school and a site has been located at Lockhurst Lane, which was within the Sidney Stringer Academy catchment area. They currently have 71 applications for the 100 Year 7 places at the school. It was noted that the school was taking applications for up to 50 Year 8 places. The closing date for this process was 14 February 2014 and it was reported that they had 22 applications so far.
- Seva School has planned to admit pupils into Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 7. They will not be participating in the co-ordinated admissions scheme but would be making offers of places direct to parents on 3 March. Concern was expressed in respect of pupils in Reception and Year 7 who are offered places by Seva School and also then having an offer from the local authority scheme.

It was noted that there was no formal confirmation of the location arrangements for the school but work was underway with the trustees, the Education Funding Agency and the Local Authority to agree a site.

There was a question raised in respect of notification by the Local Authority of those that will be leaving their home schools to attend one of the above schools. Sue Heawood confirmed this would be done as soon as the information was available.

The Forum was also advised that bids had been made for the Link extended learning centre to become a free school and for Sidney Stringer MAT to open a primary school. Finham Park School was also preparing a bid to open another secondary school on the west side of the City.

Sue Heawood was thanked for her report.

17. Expanding schools

A presentation was received from Ashley Simpson on increasing secondary school places. The presentation followed on from the report Judith Applegarth presented at the last School Admissions Forum meeting in October 2013. It was reported that plans for an additional 20 forms of entry over the next 10 years were required.

The graphs showed the secondary school pupil growth analyses. The Forum noted that feasibility studies had been commissioned for all 19 current secondary schools to establish the potential for expansion on all existing sites. A report will be presented to the Working Group at Easter 2014.

Ashley Simpson was thanked for his presentation.

18. Any Other business

There was no other business.

19. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting to be confirmed for October 2014.

The meeting closed at 3.35pm

Secondary School allocations 03/03/2014

School Name	PAN	SEN	LAC	Catchment and Sibling	Catchment	Sibling	Other	First Preference Requests	Total Allocated	Updated allocation 22/09/14
Barr's Hill School & Community College	131	3	0	16	43	10	47	69	119	114
Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School	180	0	0	20	107	11	42	158	180	178
Blue Coat CE School & Music College	240	3	7	0	0	86	144	403	240	240
Caludon Castle School	240	3	1	53	130	22	31	334	240	240
Cardinal Newman Catholic School	210	0	1	60	106	18	25	208	210	210
Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School	240	0	0	29	71	18	59	141	177	177
Coundon Court	270	0	0	73	156	25	16	329	270	270
Eden Girl's School	100	0	0	0	0	0	73	70	73	99
Ernesford Grange Community Academy	180	3	1	21	79	4	16	82	124	114
Finham Park Mathematics and Computing College	240	1	2	58	125	18	36	275	240	240
Foxford School	180	0	0	44	93	12	31	151	180	179
Grace Academy Coventry	210	1	0	26	83	21	29	138	160	145
Lyng Hall School	150	2	0	11	30	16	31	53	90	99
President Kennedy School	273	6	4	38	96	25	90	204	259	273
Sidney Stringer Academy	210	1	1	56	98	36	18	268	210	208
Stoke Park School & Community College	180	3	0	20	69	34	54	153	180	183
The Westwood Academy	157	2	3	19	46	11	39	91	120	111
Tile Hill Wood School & Language College	237	0	2	18	83	16	61	148	180	170
Whitley Academy	160	1	2	31	70	12	44	164	160	164
Woodlands Academy	210	0	0	14	80	5	64	119	163	146
Totals	3998	29	24	607	1565	400	950	3558	3575	3560

updated 30/09/2014

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September 2014 Admissions Pressure: Reception Spaces Remaining

As at 23/09/2014

DfES No	School	Admission Capacity	Spaces Remaining	% Capacity Remaining
Mainstream Primary				
2000	Aldermans Green Community Primary School	90	5	6%
2007	St Bartholomew's CE Academy	60	15	25%
2008	Hollyfast Primary School	90	3	3%
2010	Hill Farm Primary School	90	10	11%
2023	Hearsall Community Primary School	60	9	15%
2037	Little Heath Primary School	60	22	37%
2068	Whitley Abbey Primary School	60	4	7%
2076	Allesley Hall Primary School	30	2	7%
2110	Clifford Bridge Primary School	60	5	8%
2115	Sir Frank Whittle Primary School	45	10	22%
2125	Holbrook Community Primary School	90	5	6%
2130	Coundon Primary School	90	3	3%
2131	Aldermoor Farm Primary School	90	2	2%
2135	Whitmore Park Primary School	90	5	6%
2143	Richard Lee Primary School	90	6	7%
2155	Spon Gate Primary School	60	14	23%
3436	Charter Primary School	45	7	16%
4004	SEVA School	50	22	44%
Catholic Primary				
Total				
331	Coventry	4760	149	3%
	Mainstream Primaries	3995	149	4%
	Catholic Primaries	765	0	0%

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Secondary In Year Admissions and Transfers - Two Year Analysis

2012/2013

2013/2014

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Allocated	Abroad	OOO	City	Admitted	Request Out	Left	Allocated	Abroad	OOO	City	Admitted	Request Out	Left
Barr's Hill School & Community College	67	46	3	18	64	23	14	39	23	6	10	36	44	17
Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School	20	11		9	17	13	8	28	13	4	11	25	20	12
Blue Coat CE School & Music College	13		3	10	12	2	1	4	1		3	4	1	1
Caludon Castle School	14		2	12	13	3	3	5		1	4	5	3	3
Cardinal Newman Catholic School	22	6	5	11	21	12	10	26	9	7	10	22	19	13
Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School	32	16	4	12	30	17	13	56	22	3	31	49	26	15
Coundon Court	22	4	4	14	22	16	14	17	4		13	14	17	13
Ernesford Grange Community Academy	23	9		14	23	21	15	35	18	3	14	31	23	14
Finham Park Mathematics and Computing College	19	3	3	13	18	11	9	7	2	1	4	5	3	2
Foxford School	34	16	5	13	34	20	12	45	22	9	14	39	41	23
Grace Academy Coventry	28	7	3	18	25	39	33	23	8	3	12	20	58	31
Lynq Hall School	82	56	8	18	80	16	9	96	66	8	22	86	16	8
President Kennedy School	69	32	10	27	67	14	10	124	47	16	61	102	21	10
Sidney Stringer Academy	30	16	2	12	27	8	8	11	4		7	5	10	8
Stoke Park School & Community College	21	9	2	10	18	16	14	36	15	3	18	34	22	15
The Westwood Academy	24	7	4	13	22	13	12	30	6	2	22	29	14	11
Tile Hill Wood School & Language College	34	2	5	27	32	19	14	43	12	2	29	43	32	22
Whitley Academy	20	5	3	12	19	28	18	33	8	8	17	25	27	13
Woodlands Academy	15	2	4	9	15	9	8	10	2		8	10	11	8
LA Totals	589	247	70	272	559	300	225	668	282	76	310	584	408	239

Column Definitions

(1) **Allocated:** Total allocated to school

(2) **Abroad:** Those allocated who are from overseas

(3) **OOO:** Those allocated who are from another Local Authority

(4) **City:** Those allocated who are from another Coventry school

(5) **Admitted:** Those allocated who were admitted to the school

(6) **Request Out:** Requests to leave the school

(7) **Left:** Of those requests to leave who actually left.

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Primary and Infant School In Year Admissions and Transfers - Two Year Analysis

School	2012/2013							2013/2014						
	1 Allocated	2 Abroad	3 OOC	4 City	5 Admitted	6 Request Out	7 Left	1 Allocated	2 Abroad	3 OOC	4 City	5 Admitted	6 Request Out	7 Left
Aldermans Green Community Primary School	33	1	14	18	17	26	21	39	1	18	20	30	26	16
Alder Moor Farm Primary School	31	0	19	12	22	28	24	24	0	10	14	18	37	30
All Saints' CE Primary School	9	0	5	4	5	1	1	15	5	4	6	7	10	7
All Souls' Catholic Primary School	3	0	3	0	1	4	4	5	1	1	3	3	4	0
Allesley Hall Primary School	5	0	2	3	5	4	4	7	0	2	5	7	6	0
Allesley Primary School	11	0	2	9	11	5	4	17	0	7	11	16	5	3
Broad Heath Community Primary School	34	2	17	15	17	25	22	56	5	30	21	41	39	22
Cannon Park Primary School	14	0	13	1	6	4	2	27	3	20	4	16	9	2
Charter Primary School	20	3	5	12	12	18	17	27	1	11	15	17	29	17
Christ The King Catholic Primary School	5	0	1	4	5	7	7	2	0	1	1	2	9	4
Clifford Bridge Primary School	12	0	4	8	6	5	3	14	0	10	4	11	21	6
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School	6	0	1	5	4	2	1	8	0	1	7	6	5	3
Coundon Primary School	11	0	3	8	10	7	6	6	0	2	4	5	12	6
Courthouse Green Primary School	25	0	5	20	18	20	15	30	2	14	15	14	39	20
Earlson Primary School	20	2	5	13	14	9	8	16	3	8	5	13	3	1
Eastern Green Junior School	7	0	4	3	6	2	2	5	0	0	5	4	2	1
Edgewick Community Primary School	15	3	9	3	9	9	8	20	2	11	7	16	15	8
Ernesford Grange Primary School	19	0	10	9	12	12	12	20	3	5	12	16	16	14
Finham Primary School	17	0	5	12	12	5	5	7	0	3	4	6	2	2
Frederick Bird Primary School	62	8	40	14	29	26	22	67	17	42	10	47	39	22
Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School	6	0	2	4	4	6	4	3	0	1	2	3	5	3
Gosford Park Primary School	38	4	15	19	16	26	23	53	2	33	19	37	33	24
Grange Farm Primary School	7	0	1	6	5	3	3	6	0	4	2	3	4	0
Grangehurst Primary School	22	2	8	12	13	28	25	30	2	15	13	24	20	13
Hearsall Community Primary School	12	2	6	4	7	15	10	16	3	7	6	8	29	10
Henley Green Community Primary School	20	3	4	13	11	11	8	27	1	8	18	21	31	19
Hill Farm Academy	42	0	20	22	29	47	41	48	1	35	12	32	32	25
Holbrook Community Primary School	37	1	26	10	19	14	10	39	4	23	13	32	45	27
Hollyfast Primary School	15	0	5	10	13	5	5	7	0	4	3	7	12	7
Holy Family Catholic Primary School	8	0	3	5	3	5	4	10	0	3	7	8	1	1
Howes Community Primary School	5	0	3	2	4	5	4	8	1	2	5	6	13	8
John Gulson Primary School	35	3	22	10	18	28	22	41	7	32	4	31	46	26
John Shelton Community Primary School	27	1	13	13	14	23	21	21	4	11	8	13	21	16
Joseph Cash Primary School	35	3	20	12	24	28	24	47	8	22	18	32	40	29
Keresley Grange Primary School	7	0	6	1	5	12	10	13	0	9	4	10	5	3
Leigh CE Primary School	6	0	2	4	1	19	17	21	0	5	16	16	27	21
Limbrick Wood Primary School	15	0	3	12	8	2	2	26	1	14	11	18	17	14
Little Heath Primary School	16	1	5	10	10	20	18	22	6	13	3	15	25	8
Longford Park Primary School	15	1	8	6	5	10	9	24	1	10	13	17	14	13
Manor Park Primary School	33	0	18	15	22	14	12	22	3	14	5	17	15	10
Moat House Community Primary School	19	0	7	12	13	22	20	18	1	12	5	16	24	14
Moseley Primary School	30	1	10	19	25	9	6	17	1	4	13	14	11	7
Mount Nod Primary School	10	0	2	8	7	1	1	12	0	6	6	7	9	5
Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Primary School	6	0	1	5	4	8	5	3	0	0	3	2	12	6
Park Hill Primary School	3	0	1	2	2	4	4	12	0	4	9	9	11	6
Parkgate Primary School	38	2	11	25	23	31	27	36	2	11	23	29	31	15
Pearl Hyde Community Primary School	15	0	11	4	5	14	12	20	0	12	8	14	9	7
Potters Green Primary School	12	0	8	4	6	12	10	27	0	7	20	17	20	11

Primary and Infant School In Year Admissions and Transfers - Two Year Analysis

2012/2013

2013/2014

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
School	Allocated	Abroad	OOC	City	Admitted	Request Out	Left	Allocated	Abroad	OOC	City	Admitted	Request Out	Left
Radford Primary School	24	2	15	7	16	23	21	11	0	7	5	7	13	8
Ravensdale Primary School	8	0	1	7	6	3	3	5	0	2	3	3	9	4
Richard Lee Primary School	36	0	18	18	22	34	30	28	1	12	15	24	39	25
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School	41	2	22	17	22	5	5	12	0	5	7	12	11	6
Sir Frank Whittle Primary School	26	0	14	12	9	31	23	30	1	13	17	23	23	14
Southfields Primary School	29	2	12	15	14	19	17	36	7	23	6	30	30	15
Sowe Valley Primary School	6	0	0	6	4	14	10	5	0	1	4	5	15	9
Spon Gate Primary School	27	2	17	8	14	22	18	37	8	19	10	17	27	14
SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School	6	0	3	3	2	9	7	13	1	5	7	10	18	5
St Andrew's CE Infant School	3	0	1	2	2	3	3	5	0	0	5	2	2	1
St Anne's Catholic Primary School	7	0	3	4	6	20	14	12	2	4	6	10	7	2
St Augustine's Catholic Primary School	24	3	12	9	11	23	16	25	0	10	15	22	16	12
St Bartholomew's CE Primary School	22	0	3	19	10	29	21	21	0	7	14	20	45	31
St Christopher Primary School	7	0	2	5	6	11	10	15	1	3	11	10	12	6
St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School	12	1	6	5	7	9	8	5	0	2	3	4	7	4
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School	9	0	3	6	5	9	7	5	0	1	4	5	3	2
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School	14	0	8	6	7	13	13	11	1	3	7	6	15	8
St John Vianney Catholic Primary School	5	0	2	3	4	1	1	5	0	1	4	3	4	2
St John's CE Primary School	4	0	2	2	2	3	3	10	0	3	7	9	7	4
St Laurence's CE Primary School	11	1	8	2	5	12	12	20	1	12	8	17	18	10
St Mary & St Benedict Catholic Primary School	19	2	8	9	11	16	16	7	0	0	7	5	21	18
St Osburg's Catholic Primary School	4	0	2	2	3	9	7	13	2	6	5	6	10	4
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School	9	2	2	5	6	14	13	14	2	6	6	5	5	3
St Thomas More Catholic Primary School	23	0	12	11	12	13	7	19	3	5	11	16	20	15
Stanton Bridge Primary School	52	13	32	7	30	28	21	39	5	21	13	28	24	16
Stivichall Primary School	11	0	4	7	7	3	3	19	2	15	5	11	18	7
Stoke Heath Primary School	29	2	14	13	18	11	11	25	0	11	14	21	28	21
Stoke Primary School	23	1	17	5	14	25	25	26	1	14	11	18	32	17
Stretton CE Primary School	15	0	8	7	9	16	15	11	0	2	9	9	12	6
Templars Primary School	42	3	14	25	26	31	25	44	4	12	28	34	18	17
Walsgrave CE Primary School	11	0	5	6	8	9	8	17	0	6	12	11	7	3
Whitley Abbey Primary School	23	0	9	14	14	12	11	13	2	2	9	9	16	4
Whitmore Park Primary School	18	4	8	6	6	39	29	29	0	13	16	21	40	22
Whoberley Hall Primary School	11	0	4	7	5	14	11	26	4	10	12	23	18	11
Willenhall Community Primary School	20	0	9	11	10	18	18	17	0	4	13	14	20	16
Wyken Croft Primary School	23	0	8	15	15	23	23	16	1	4	11	12	20	11
LA Totals	1,547	83	716	748	905	1,215	1,030	1,687	140	785	782	1,235	1,520	905

Note: In April 2012, Foleshill CE Primary School changed it's name to St Laurence's CE Primary School

Data date: 2012-2013 data : 24/09/2013

2013-2014 data: 22/09/2014

Column Definitions

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School Admissions Code – consultation on changes to the Code.

The Department for Education (DfE) have consulted on changes to the School Admissions Code 2012. The local authority has responded to the consultation and the details below highlight the proposed changes and the Coventry response.

1. Allow all schools (rather than just academies and free schools) to include priority in admission arrangements for pupils eligible for the pupil premium

This change has been in place since 2012 for all academies and free schools. No academies or free schools have taken up this option to date in Coventry. However, as a general principle the local authority would support all types of schools having the same options.

2. Allow primary schools to include priority in admission arrangements for pupils eligible for the early years pupil premium or pupil premium where they attend a nursery which is part of the school.

Some early years provision in the city is via primary school nursery classes, but this is not at every school and the classes service a wider area than a single school catchment and in some cases offer a greater number of places than the number of places available in the school reception. The Code currently does not allow schools to prioritise applications from nursery pupils where this would be unfair to other local children whose parents did not send them to nursery. The Schools Adjudicator has highlighted a large number of cases in the last year where schools have included a link with nursery provision showing that their arrangements are illegal. They have asked the DfE to issue guidance so that “there is fair access to schools for all children on reaching compulsory school age in order that children are not disadvantaged by any decisions their parents make about the care of their children prior to compulsory school age or by access to specific child care.” This recommendation seems to be at odds with the DfE proposal around this specific sub-group of nursery attenders.

Historically parents have sometimes wrongly presumed that admission to the nursery will guarantee admission to the main school, or at least will give them priority. The aim of this change will give priority to a sub-set of these children and lead to continuing confusion for parents.

The statement in the proposal is that this change “will also ensure that there are still sufficient places available in the reception class for local parents who choose not to send their child to the nursery”. Whilst there may be some places available after the admission of such nursery children it can't be said that sufficient places will be available.

Also the process of identifying those applicants for Reception places who are eligible for pupil premium is a complex issue. Changing circumstances mean that parents can move into and out of eligibility, and applications are received well in advance of a child starting school. Do admission authorities (ie 26 own admission authority schools, plus the LA on behalf of 58 schools) assess using the position on the closing date of 15 January, or at another date prior to offers on 16 April, and do we need to retain a position which states that places will be withdrawn if the child is not eligible on starting school on 1 September? Given the change on status of any applicant has a knock on effect on all other applicants applying for places, the decisions on these issues and impact on schools and families will be significant.

Given the range of issues identified the local authority would not support this proposal.

3. Require schools to amend their arrangements within 2 months of a decision by the Schools Adjudicator.

In Coventry we have had recent experience of a school being required to amend their admission arrangements by the Schools Adjudicator, and the difficulties when these requirements overlap with application periods. The local authority supported this action to strengthen the position of implementing School Adjudicator decisions.

4. Reduce consultation periods from 8 to 6 weeks and change the timetable for consultation on changing admission arrangements.

The changes to the timescales which are detailed in the table below are in place so that objections can be lodged and dealt with by the Adjudicator and changes can be put in place within the timescales at point 3. In theory this will prevent there being an overlap with application processes which would cause confusion and difficulties for parents and for co-ordination arrangements administered by local authorities.

	Current	Proposed
Consultation period between these dates	1 November and 1 March	1 October and 31 January
Schools determine admission arrangements	15 April	28 February
LA deadline to notify DfE of adopted co-ordination scheme	15 April	28 February
Deadline for admission authorities to send a copy of new arrangements to LA	1 May	15 March
Deadline for LA to publish details on policies and referring objections to the Schools Adjudicator	1 May	15 March
Deadline for objections to the Schools Adjudicator, and for deadline for local authorities to report to the Schools Adjudicator on admission arrangements in their area	30 June	15 May

Some schools in Coventry failed to respond to current deadlines for the submission and publication of their admission arrangements. Late publication means that late objections to the Schools Adjudicator have to be accepted, so the premise of ensuring all disputes are settled before the end of the summer term each year under the new timetable may continue to be difficult to achieve.

5. Incorporating some non-statutory advice within the Code on how to deal with applications for summer born children where parents want them to be admitted into the year below their normal age group

The details provided would fit with the processes currently in place in Coventry, as these already adhere to the non-statutory advice issued.

6. Incorporate recent departmental guidance on definitions of previously looked after children

This is already being followed in Coventry so will have no impact.

7. Minor technical drafting changes to aid clarity

All details will assist in correcting anomalies that are within the Code due mainly to changes in terminology (eg SEN statements to Education, Health and Care plans) or legislative references.

Next steps

- DfE timetable currently identifies that they will aim to issue an amended School Admissions Code by mid-December.

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