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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

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Report of the Director – Schools & Learning

Children's Services Determined Admissions Arrangements 2025 - 2026
(Education)

1. Divisions Affected

County Wide

2. Key Decision

This is a Key Decision as it is likely to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions in the county area.

3. Purpose

- 3.1 To report on the consultation on the proposed changes to admission arrangements and to seek Cabinet approval for the proposed determined admission arrangements for the academic year 2025/26.

4. Information and Analysis

- 4.1 The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012 and the statutory Department for Education 'School Admissions Code'

(September 2021) requires that the admission arrangements for the 2025/26 academic year are consulted for a minimum of 6 weeks between October 2023 and 31 January 2024 and determined no later than 28 February 2024.

5. Consultation

Consultation information was posted on the Derbyshire County Council website from 11 October 2023, setting out the proposed changes to admission arrangements for the 2024/25 academic year.

The following were also consulted:

- (a) Community, Voluntary Controlled, Academy, Voluntary Aided and Foundation primary and secondary schools in Derbyshire.
- (b) Neighbouring Local Authorities and Diocesan Authorities.
- (c) Neighbouring authority schools which are adjacent to the County boundary and may be affected by Derbyshire's arrangements.

The consultation was publicised by schools' extranet and e-mail on 17 October 2023. The consultation period finished on 24 November 2023 and there were no responses.

Oversubscription criteria for voluntary controlled church schools

The consultation included a proposed change to the oversubscription criteria in the case of voluntary controlled church schools, with the criteria for children whose parents request a place on religious grounds at community and controlled schools being removed from 2025.

A copy of the proposed arrangements is available on the Derbyshire County Council website. [School admission arrangements 2025 to 2026 - Derbyshire County Council](#)

Published Admission Numbers [PANs]

The consultation included a number of proposed changes to school Published Admission Numbers (PANs), the removal of a Year 3 PAN and amendments to normal areas. Listed in Appendix 2. These have all been requested by schools and are in line with revised net capacity assessments. No objections have been received through the

consultation period. The changes recommended to go forward are listed in Appendix 2.

Fair Access Protocols

There are no changes to the Fair Access Protocols. Copies of the Primary and Secondary Fair Access Protocols are available on the Derbyshire County Council website.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/admissions/admission-arrangements.aspx>

Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme.

It is proposed to make no significant changes to the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme, other than to bring forward relevant dates into the 2025/26 admission rounds.

6. Alternative Options Considered

N/A

7. Implications

- 7.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

8. Background Papers

School Admissions Code (DfE September 2021).

Schools Admissions Appeals Code (DfE October 2022).

2025/26 Consultation documents.

Proposed Admission Arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Derbyshire for the 2025/26 academic year.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – implications
- 9.2 Appendix 2 - Proposed changes to Published Admission Numbers (PANs), the removal of Year 3 PAN and amendments to normal areas as per the consultation.

10. Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet:

- 10.1 Considers the outcome of the consultation and approves the proposed determined admission arrangements for the academic year 2025/2026.
- 10.2 approves the changes to PANs and normal areas as detailed in Appendix 2.

11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 11.1 To ensure legal compliance with the statutory obligations for school admissions as defined in the DfE School Admission Code (2021)

12. Is it necessary to waive the call-in period?

12.1 'No'

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Implications

a) Financial

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

b) Legal

Under the School Admissions Code admission authorities must determine admission arrangements annually. Where changes are proposed to admission arrangements, the Local Authority as the admission authority must first publicly consult on those arrangements. Consultation must be for a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1 October and 31 January of the school year before those arrangements are to apply (the determination year).

The Local Authority must determine their admission arrangements by 28 February. Once the Local Authority has determined arrangements it must publish them on the Council's website by 15 March.

c) Human Resources

None identified

d) Equalities Impact

5.1 Not applicable

e) Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1 None identified

Other (for example, Information Technology Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

None identified.

Appendix 2

Published Admission Numbers for Community and Controlled Schools for 2025/26

Primarily as a result of a review of the accommodation of the schools and the net capacity assessment of the buildings, proposed changes to Published Admission Numbers (PANs) for 2025/26 are as follows –

<u>School</u>	<u>Movement of PAN</u>	<u>Details</u>
Reductions		
Bakewell CE (Controlled) Infant School	43 to 40	Review of accommodation
Bradwell CE (Controlled) Infant School	24 to 20	In line with net capacity
Hartington CE (Controlled) Primary School	10 to 8	In line with capacity
St Andrew's CE (Controlled) Junior School	65 to 60	In line with capacity

Increases

Horsley CE (Controlled) Primary School	11 to 14	review of capacity
Mapperley VC (Controlled) Primary School	8 to 10	review of capacity

Removal of Y3 PAN

A Y3 PAN is currently in place at Shirland Primary School in order to provide key stage 2 places for pupils from the former Mickley Village Infant and Nursery School.

This will no longer be required as of September 2025, at which point places will be provided in all primary year groups at Mickley Village Primary and Nursery School. The adjustment to the Net Capacity and PAN for Shirland Primary School will follow on from this.

Proposed amendments to normal areas

Mickley Village Primary and Nursery School - removal of shared normal area for Key Stage 2 with Shirland Primary School

An extension of age range underway at the former Mickley Infant and Nursery School, now Mickley Village Primary and Nursery School, is such that the school will provide for all primary age groups as of September 2025.

It is therefore proposed that the shared normal area that is currently in place with Shirland Primary School for key stage 2 provision be removed.

A map of the normal area of Mickley Village Primary and Nursery School in relation to that of Shirland Primary School is attached to this page.

Re-establishment of the normal area of Sale and Davy's CE (Controlled) Primary School and continuation of current shared normal area between Chellaston Fields Spencer Academy and Sale and Davy's CE (Controlled) Primary School

The normal area of Chellaston Fields Spencer Academy historically sat within the normal area of Sale and Davys CE (Controlled) Primary School before the development of the housing and the new school.

We previously consulted to create a discrete normal area for Chellaston Fields from September 2020, removing it from that of Sale and Davys. It then became necessary to temporarily designate the normal area of Chellaston Fields as a shared normal area with Sale and Davys, to ensure that, due to the gradual opening of year groups at Chellaston Fields, children of all primary ages could be allocated a normal area school. This shared arrangement needed to stay in place until September 2025.

This consultation is to propose that from that date Sale and Davy's normal area revert permanently back to its original boundaries. The area of residential development at Chellaston Fields, covered also by the normal area for Chellaston Fields Spencer Academy, would remain within the normal area boundaries of both schools, providing parents with a choice of 2 normal area schools and providing more scope for securing a normal area primary school place.