



STOCKPORT

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CONSULTATION

This document sets out matters on which the Admission Authorities for the Academies listed below and Stockport Council wish to consult upon:

- Admission arrangements for St Thomas' CE Primary School (Heaton Chapel)
- Admission arrangements for St Ambrose Catholic Primary School
- Admission arrangements for Banks Lane Infant School, Banks Lane Junior School, Great Moor Infant School, Great Moor Junior School, Hursthead Infant School, Hursthead Junior School, Nevill Road Infant School and Nevill Road Junior School
- Admission arrangements for Cheadle Catholic Infant School and Cheadle Catholic Junior School
- Admission arrangements for Cheadle Hulme Primary School (Free School) and Laurus Cheadle Hulme (Free School)
- PAN reduction at The Kingsway School
- Stockport Local Authority School Terms and Holiday Dates: 2020/21

The deadline for consultation responses is:

31st December 2018

Comments are invited from School Governing Bodies in the area, parents, Neighbouring Local Authorities, relevant Diocesan Authorities, Trade Unions and Teaching Associations.

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INTRODUCTION

Dear Colleagues,

The Local Authority is the Admission Authority for all Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Stockport and administers matters regarding admission arrangements on behalf of the Governing Bodies of all Voluntary Aided schools and Academies. Accordingly, the Services to People Directorate are undertaking this statutory consultation process with parents and other stakeholders for the whole family of Admission Authorities in Stockport.

Admission Arrangements for maintained schools for 2020/21 will remain unchanged from those determined for 2019/20 with the exception of the items listed below. The Local Authority wishes to invite interested parties to take part in this consultation on the following items:

- i. Changes to the Admissions Policy for St Thomas' CE Primary School (Heaton Chapel)
- ii. Changes to the Admissions Policy for St Ambrose Catholic Primary School
- iii. Changes to the Admission Arrangements for Banks Lane Infant School, Banks Lane Junior School, Great Moor Infant School, Great Moor Junior School, Hursthead Infant School, Hursthead Junior School, Nevill Road Infant School and Nevill Road Junior School
- iv. Proposed admission arrangements for Cheadle Catholic Infant School and Cheadle Catholic Junior School
- v. Proposed admission arrangements for Laurus Cheadle Hulme and Cheadle Hulme Primary School
- vi. Change to the PAN at The Kingsway School
- vii. Stockport Local Authority School Terms and Holiday Dates 2020/21

Following the end of the consultation period, Admission Authorities must determine and publish their admission arrangements. Determination and publication of 2020/21 arrangements must be made by 28th February 2019.

Responses to Consultation:

Schools are invited to make their response via the full Governing Body or it can be delegated to a committee of Governors.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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THESE ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

A EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED

- 1.1 NCA - Net Capacity Assessment is a government prescribed assessment of the capacity of a school used to indicate the number of pupil places available.
- 1.2 IAN - The Indicated Admission Number of a school is derived from dividing the Net Capacity Assessment figure by the number of year groups in each school i.e. by 5 for secondary (Yrs 7 – 11), by 7 for primary (Yrs Rec – 6), by 3 for infant schools (Rec – Yr 2) and by 4 for junior schools (Yrs 3 – 6).
- 1.3 PAN – Published Admission Number. The PAN of a school can be set higher or lower than the Indicated Admission Number which is done through the statutory consultation process. However, where the PAN is proposed to be set lower than the IAN, the Admission Authority are required to publish a notice in the local press setting out the rationale and giving residents an opportunity to object.
- 1.4 Looked after children - A 'looked after child' is a child who is in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by that authority (as defined in section 22 of the Children Act 1989).
- 1.5 Children previously 'looked after' are children who were 'looked after' as defined above, but immediately after being 'looked after' became subject to an adoption¹, residence (child arrangement order)², or special guardianship order³.
- 1.6 Children of staff at the school are defined by either or both of the following circumstances:
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- 1.7 Interim Criteria may be introduced to mitigate the disadvantage caused to families should their address be removed from the catchment area of Westmorland Primary School. An interim arrangement would seek to prioritise children of families who have already placed older children in a school and who remain on roll at the school at the point of admission of the expected pupil.

The interim arrangements seek to prioritise (above siblings outside of catchment) families who have been displaced out of catchment, as a consequence of a rationalisation of catchment areas who have a child already admitted under a 'resident within the catchment area' category of the published oversubscription criteria.

¹ An adoption order is an order under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) or the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders)

² Child arrangements orders are defined in s.8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order

³ Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

- 1.8 Catechumen - A person who is receiving instruction in preparation for Christian baptism or confirmation.

B ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2020/21

The School Admissions Code no longer requires Admission Authorities to consult annually on its admission arrangements so long as they remain unchanged from those determined for 2019/20. Further, consultation will only be required every seven years if arrangements remain unchanged.

Admissions arrangements must, however, be determined each year by 28th February whether a consultation has taken place or not.

With the exception of the items contained in this consultation document in relation to catchment areas and transitional sibling criteria, admission arrangements for all other maintained schools in Stockport remain unchanged from those determined for 2019/20.

The following admission arrangements for 2020/21 will be determined and published on the Council's website www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions by 28th February 2019.

1 Published Admission Numbers (PANs)

- 1.1 The School Admissions Code no longer requires an Admission Authority to widely consult if it wishes to increase the PAN of the school, subject to the Governors' approval.
- 1.2 The PANs for all schools are shown in the 'PAN' columns in Appendix 12
- 1.3 For information purposes, please see Appendix 11 for the case to increase Stockport School PAN from 240 to 250. The Local Authority has agreed this item; however, comments are welcomed via the pro forma.

2 Primary School Admission Arrangements 2020/21

- 2.1 **This section applies to all Community / Voluntary Controlled C of E Primary Schools, Gatley Primary School (Academy), Mellor Primary School (Academy), Bredbury Green Primary School (Academy), Meadowbank Primary School (Academy) and St Matthew's C of E Primary (Academy) excluding Tithe Barn Primary School and Norris Bank Primary School and the schools included in the consultation items**

Oversubscription Criteria

After the placement of pupils with an Education Health and Care Plan which names the schools, pupils will be allocated in the following order up to the Published Admissions Number:

- a** Looked after children and previously looked after children (See definition on p4)
- b** Children considered to have highly exceptional medical/social reasons

- c Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- d Children who live in the catchment area of the school
- e Children who live outside the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- f Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school
- g Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-F above.

2.2 This section applies only to Tithe Barn Primary School and Norris Bank Primary School

Oversubscription Criteria

After the placement of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the schools, pupils will be allocated in the following order up to the Published Admissions Number:

- a Looked after children and previously looked after children (See definition on p4)
- b Children considered to have highly exceptional medical/social reasons
- c Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- d Children who live in the catchment area of the school
- e Children who now live outside the catchment area due to the changes to catchment from 2016/17, with a sibling on roll at the time of admission and fulfils one of two criteria:
 1. Sibling originally admitted to the school as a child resident within catchment area
 2. Sibling originally admitted to the school as a sibling resident within catchment area

AND

The family's address has not changed since the sibling on roll was admitted to the school.

- f Children who live outside the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- g Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school
- h Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-F above.

2.3 Roman Catholic Primary School and North Cheshire Jewish Primary School

The Governing Body of each of the above schools have traditionally adopted individual oversubscription criteria. Criteria for individual schools can be viewed at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

2.4 St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Marple) as part of the Diocese of Nottingham is consulting to change its admissions arrangements. These will be consulted on During December 2018.

Please see the Diocese of Nottingham's website for details:

<http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/>

3 Secondary School Admission Arrangements 2020/21

3.1 This section applies to all Community High Schools, Hazel Grove High School (Academy), The Kingsway School (Academy) and Reddish Vale High School (Academy)

Oversubscription Criteria

- a** Looked after children and previously looked after children
- b** Children considered to have highly exceptional medical / social needs
- c** Children who live in the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- d** Children who live in the catchment area of the school
- e** Children of staff (See definition on page 5)
- f** Children who live outside the catchment area of the school and will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- g** Any other applicants, in order of straight line distance measured between home and the school
- h** Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A-F above.

3.2 Cheadle Hulme High School

Oversubscription Criteria

- a** Looked after children and previously looked after children
- b** Children considered to have highly exceptional medical/social reasons
- c** Children who are currently in attendance at 'Cheadle Hulme Primary School' (Part of the Laurus Trust) ordered by categories D-H
- d** Children resident within the catchment area of the school with a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- e** Children resident within the catchment area* of the school
- f** Children of staff
- g** Children resident outside the catchment area* with a sibling at the school at the time of admission
- h** Other children
- i** Applications received after the closing date ordered by the criteria detailed at A – G above

3.3 Stockport Academy

Stockport Academy does not have a 'catchment area'. After the placement of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school, the Governing Board have adopted the following criteria for children to be admitted to the school:

- a** Looked after children and previously looked after children (See definition on p4)
- b** Children with a sibling in attendance at the school
- c** Other children based on distance from the school

3.4 The Published Admissions Number (PAN) for each school in Stockport is contained in Appendix 12 of this document.

- 3.5 The full School Admissions Policy and Procedures document 2019/20 can be viewed at www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions and the updated version for 2020/21 will be available to view on or before 28th February 2019 at

CONSULTATION ITEMS

1 Proposed Admissions Policy - St Thomas' CE Primary School (Heaton Chapel)

- 1.1 St Thomas' CE Primary School is a Voluntary Aided Primary School and the Governing Body is the Admission Authority for the school.
- 1.2 The Local Authority co-ordinates the admission arrangements for St Thomas' CE Primary School and is hosting the consultation on their behalf.
- 1.3 The proposed admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria used to determine the allocation of places has been agreed following consultation with parents, Manchester Diocesan Board of Education, neighbouring authorities and any other interested parties.
- 1.4 St Thomas' CE Primary School are proposing a change to their oversubscription criteria which will categorise attendance at public worship within the parish above catchment.

See Appendix 1 for proposed Admissions Policy

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2 Proposed Admissions Policy – St Ambrose Catholic Primary School

- 1.1 St Ambrose Catholic Primary School is a Voluntary Aided Primary School and the Governing Body is the Admission Authority for the school.
- 1.2 The Local Authority co-ordinates the admission arrangements for St Ambrose Catholic School and is hosting the consultation on their behalf.
- 1.3 The proposed admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria used to determine the allocation of places has been agreed by the Governors and The Diocese of Shrewsbury.

See Appendix 2 for proposed Admissions Policy and Oversubscription Criteria

The current Admissions Policy for St Ambrose Catholic Primary School can be found at: <http://www.st-ambrose.stockport.sch.uk/information-1/admissions>

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3 Proposed Admissions Policy – Banks Lane Infant School, Banks Lane Junior School, Great Moor Infant School, Great Moor Junior School, Hursthead Infant School, Nevill Road Infant School and Nevill Road Junior School

The Admissions Authority proposes to change the oversubscription criteria for the aforementioned schools to ensure clarity and diminish any ambiguity from the current oversubscription criteria. This will not affect how the Local Authority allocates school places.

See Appendix 3 for proposed Oversubscription Criteria

The current Oversubscription Criteria can be found at:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/admissions-explained/school-admission-information>

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4 Proposed Admissions Policy – Hursthead Junior School

- 1.1 Hursthead Junior School is an Academy and the Governing Body is the Admission Authority for the school.
- 1.2 The Local Authority co-ordinates the admission arrangements for Hursthead Junior School and is hosting the consultation on their behalf.
- 1.3 The proposed oversubscription criteria used to determine the allocation of places has been agreed by the Governing Body.
- 1.4 The proposed changes will not affect how school places are allocated and is to ensure clarity and diminish any ambiguity from the current oversubscription criteria.

See Appendix 4 for proposed Oversubscription Criteria

The current Oversubscription Criteria for Hursthead Junior School can be found at: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/admissions-explained/school-admission-information>

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5 Proposed Admissions Policy – Cheadle Catholic Infant School

- 1.1 Cheadle Catholic Infant School is a Voluntary Aided Primary School and the Governing Body is the Admission Authority for the school.
- 1.2 The Local Authority co-ordinates the admission arrangements for Cheadle Catholic Infant School and is hosting the consultation on their behalf.
- 1.3 The proposed admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria used to determine the allocation of places has been agreed by the Governing Body and the Diocese of Shrewsbury.
- 1.4 The proposed changes will not affect how school places are allocated and is to ensure clarity and diminish any ambiguity from the current oversubscription criteria.

See Appendix 5 for proposed Admissions Policy

The current Admissions Policy for Cheadle Catholic Infant School can be found at: www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/admissions/

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6 Proposed Admissions Policy – Cheadle Catholic Junior School

- 1.1 Cheadle Catholic Junior School is a Voluntary Aided Primary School and the Governing Body is the Admission Authority for the school.
- 1.2 The Local Authority co-ordinates the admission arrangements for Cheadle Catholic Junior School and is hosting the consultation on their behalf.
- 1.3 The proposed admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria used to determine the allocation of places has been agreed by the Governing Body and the Diocese of Shrewsbury.
- 1.4 The proposed changes will not affect how school places are allocated and is to ensure clarity and diminish any ambiguity from the current oversubscription criteria.

See Appendix 6 for proposed Admissions Policy

The current Admissions Policy for Cheadle Catholic Junior School can be found at: www.cheadlecatholic.co.uk/school-information/policies/

Please respond to this element of the consultation using the online form.

7 Proposed Admissions Policy – Cheadle Hulme Primary School

- 1.1 Cheadle Hulme Primary School is a Free School and the Board of Trustees is the Admission Authority for the school.
- 1.2 The Local Authority co-ordinates the admission arrangements for Cheadle Hulme Primary School and is hosting the consultation on their behalf.
- 1.3 The proposed admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria used to determine the allocation of places has been agreed by the Board of Trustees.

See Appendix 7 for proposed Admissions Policy and Oversubscription Criteria

The current Admissions Policy for Cheadle Hulme Primary School can be found at: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/admissions-explained/school-admission-information>

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8 Proposed Admissions Policy – Laurus Cheadle Hulme

- 1.1 Laurus Cheadle Hulme is a Free School and the Board of Trustees is the Admission Authority for the school.
- 1.2 The Local Authority co-ordinates the admission arrangements for Laurus Cheadle Hulme and is hosting the consultation on their behalf.
- 1.3 The proposed admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria used to determine the allocation of places has been agreed by the Board of Trustees.

See Appendix 8 for proposed Admissions Policy and Oversubscription Criteria

The current Admissions Policy for Laurus Cheadle Hulme can be found at:
<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/admissions-explained/school-admission-information>

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9 Case to reduce the PAN at The Kingsway School

- 1.1 The Kingsway School is an Academy and the Governing Body is the Admission Authority for the school.
- 1.2 The Local Authority co-ordinates the admission arrangements for The Kingsway School and is hosting the consultation on their behalf.

See Appendix 9 for The Kingsway School's business case to reduce the PAN from 320 to 270.

Please see Appendix 12 for the current PANs.

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10 Proposed School terms and Holiday Dates 2020/21

The LA wishes to consult with schools, parents and the local community to gather their views on proposed options for 2020/21.

Accordingly, 2 options have been drawn up for consideration:

Option 1; Adopted by the majority of Greater Manchester Authorities, provides for 1 week at Whitsun for secondary schools and 2 weeks for primary schools.

Option 2; Provides for 1 week at Whitsun for secondary schools and primary schools to choose between 1 or 2 weeks at Whitsun

Traditionally, Stockport primary schools have always had 2 weeks at Whitsun and secondary schools 1 week.

Voluntary Aided (VA) schools and Academies who are their own admissions authority can determine their own holiday pattern. The majority of VA schools in Stockport are Catholic Schools and holiday dates in Stockport have traditionally been set with the varied pattern of Easter dates in mind.

The options that are to be considered are detailed in full in Appendix 10.

Please respond to this element of the consultation using the attached pro forma.