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**CONSULTATION**

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

* **Admissions arrangements for all Primary and Secondary School within Stockport (with the exception of Cheadle Hulme Primary School, Hazel Grove High School, Cheadle Hulme High School and Laurus Cheadle Hulme)**
* **Proposed change to the Published Admission Number for Vale View Primary School & Abingdon Primary School**
* **Proposed change to the Published Admission Number for St Elisabeth’s CE Primary School, Reddish**
* **Proposed change to the Admissions Policy for Woodford Primary School**
* **Proposed Principles for setting of School Terms and Holidays**
* **Stockport Local Authority School Terms and Holiday Dates: 2024-25**
* **Proposed removal of ‘interim criterion’ from the Admissions Policies for Westmorland Primary School, Norris Bank Primary School and Tithe Barn Primary School**
* **Proposed change to the maintenance of waiting list positions for Nursery, Reception and Year 7**

**The deadline to receive consultation responses is:**

**Sunday 11th December 2022**

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

If you are unable to access the online response form or have any queries, please contact the Admissions Support and Advice Team on the details below:

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| **CONSULTATION ITEMS** |

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| **1** | **Admissions arrangements for all Primary and Secondary School within Stockport (with the exception of Cheadle Hulme Primary School, Hazel Grove High School, Cheadle Hulme High School and Laurus Cheadle Hulme)** |
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| 1.1 | The School Admissions Code requires Admission Authorities to consult every seven years on their admissions arrangements. |
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| 1.2 | Admissions arrangements must, however, be determined each year by 28th February whether a consultation has taken place or not.  |
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| 1.3 | With the exception of the items contained in this consultation document in relation to removal of interim criterion, admission arrangements for all other schools in Stockport remain unchanged from those determined. |
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| 1.4 | The following admission arrangements will be determined and published on the Council’s website [www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions) by 28th February 2023 |
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| 1.5 | See **Appendices 1a and 1b** for the Admissions policies for all Primary and Secondary Schools. |
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| **2** | **Proposed change to the Published Admission Number for Abingdon & Vale View Primary Schools** |
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| 2.1 | The Local Authority is the Admissions Authority for Abingdon and Vale View Primary Schools |
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| 2.2 | The Local Authority is proposing a reduction in PAN for both schools, in line with their current admission numbers |
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| 2.3 | See **Appendix 2** for the full Rationale for the PAN reductions |
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| **3** | **Proposed change to the Published Admission Number for St Elisabeth’s CE Primary School, Reddish** |
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| 3.1 | St Elisabeth’s CE Primary School is an Academy and the Governing Body is the Admission Authority for the school. |
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| 3.2 | The Local Authority co-ordinates the admission arrangements for St Elisabeth’s CE Primary School and is hosting the consultation on their behalf. |
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| 3.3 | See **Appendix 3** for the **business case** from St Elisabeth’s CE Primary School |
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| **4.** | **Proposed change to the admissions policy for Woodford Primary School** |
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| 4.1 | Woodford Primary School is an Academy and the Board of Trustees is the Admission Authority for the school. |
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| 4.2 | The Local Authority co-ordinates the admission arrangements for Woodford Primary School and is hosting the consultation on their behalf. |
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| 4.3 | See **Appendix 4** for the full policy from The Laurus Trust on behalf of Woodford Primary School.  |
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| **5** | **Proposed Principles for setting of School Terms and Holidays** |
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| 5.1 | The Local Authority wishes to consult with schools, parents, and the local community to gather their views on proposed principles for setting of School Terms and Holidays |
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| 5.2 | Terms and holidays have followed a brief set of principles previously, with 2 options consulted on each year, and the same option selected each year. |
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| 5.3 | The Local Authority would like to formally approve principles defining how the term dates and holidays will be set each year. |
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| 5.4 | The principles that are to be considered are detailed in full in **Appendix 5**. The term dates based on the principles can be found in **Appendix 6** |
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| **6.** | **Proposed School terms and Holiday Dates 2024/25** |
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| 6.1 | The Local Authority wishes to consult with schools, parents, and the local community to gather their views on proposed dates for 2024/25. |
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| 6.2 | Stockport are proposing a set of principles to determine term dates annually, these are detail in full in **Appendix 5,** and will determine the options for future term and holiday consultations. |
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| 6.3 | Traditionally, Stockport have consulted on 2 term date options, primary schools have always had 2 weeks at Summer half-term and secondary schools 1 week, however they will now offer 1 option based on the proposed principles. |
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| 6.4 | The dates that are to be considered are detailed in full in **Appendix 6**. |
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| 7. | **Proposed removal of ‘interim criterion’ from the Admissions Policies for Westmorland Primary School, Norris Bank Primary School and Tithe Barn Primary School** |
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| 7.1 | The LA is proposing to remove the ‘interim criterion’ category from the oversubscription criteria for each school and return to the oversubscription criteria detailed **in Appendix 1.**  |
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| 7.2 | After the first year of implementation there has been no subsequent year whereby applicants have qualified for and been categorised within category e (interim criterion). In the interests of maintaining clear and easy to understand admission arrangements it proposed that this interim criterion be removed, and the admission arrangements return to those applied to the majority of Primary Schools in Stockport. |
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| 7.3 | See **Appendix 7a** for the **original** Business Case which introduced the interim criterion for Norris Bank and Tithe Barn Primary School, **Appendix 7b** for Westmorland Primary School and Reddish Vale High School  |
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| 8. | **Proposed change to the maintenance of waiting list positions for Nursery, Reception and Year 7** |
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| 8.1 | The LA is proposing to change to process for maintenance of waiting lists for Nursery, Reception and Year 7 applications.  |
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| 8.2 | Applications currently stay on the waiting list for the full academic year for all year groups. The proposed change would bring the normal admissions round for Nursery, Reception and Year 7 in line with the process for all other year groups when changing schools in-year. |
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| 8.3 | See **Appendix 8** for the Business Case on the proposed change to maintenance of waiting lists |
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