

## AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL PLANNED ADMISSION NUMBERS

### REPORT BY ADMISSIONS AND TRANSPORT MANAGER

LOCAL ADMISSIONS FORUM

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#### Wards Affected

Potentially countywide.

#### Purpose

1. To consider changes to the Planned Admission Numbers (PAN) at Queen Elizabeth Humanities College, Bodenham St Michael's Primary, Burley Gate Primary, Llangrove Primary, Madley Primary and Kingsland Primary Schools.

#### Financial Implications

2. None.

#### Background

3. According to the new School Admissions Code section 1.17 "Admission authorities of maintained schools **must** set admission numbers with regard to the capacity of the school" and "Admission authorities are required to consult before setting or amending a published admission number".

#### Queen Elizabeth Humanities College, Bromyard (QE)

4. QE has requested a reduction in its PAN from 100 to 80. For information the likely makeup of the categories of places to be offered for its new year 7 starting in September 2009 is:

Category	Number
Statemented child	0
Catchment Sibling	14
Catchment	41
Sibling Out of Area	6
Out of Area	3
System Allocated	6
Total	70

5. The number of pupils on roll and the subsequent % of surplus places over the last 10 years has been:

Year	Number on Roll	% Surplus places
1999	352	38.78
2000	364	36.70
2001	390	32.17
2002	393	31.65
2003	406	29.39
2004	389	22.20
2005	376	24.80
2006	331	33.80
2007	335	33.00
2008	304	39.20

- 6 There are currently 311 pupils on roll.
- 7 Queen Elizabeth's request was received to late to form part of the current School Admissions Consultation process (please see Appendix 1).

**St Michael's C E Primary School, Bodenham**

- 8 St Michael's C E Primary School has requested a reduction in its PAN from 17 to 15.
- 9 For information the number of 1<sup>st</sup> preferences received for places in the new year 7 starting in September 2009 is 13. (Rankings not yet received from the school – will be included in the final version or reported verbally)
- 10 15 pupils were admitted in September 2008 and 12 pupils admitted in September 2007.
- 11 The current sufficiency calculation for the school gives it a capacity in the range 105 to 120 ie a range in the PAN of 15 to 17.
- 12 There are currently a total of 98 pupils on roll.
- 13 St Michael's request has formed part of the current School Admissions Consultation process (please see Appendix 1). No negative comments have been received.

### **Burley Gate C E School**

14. Burley Gate C E Primary School has requested a decrease in its PAN from 20 to 15.
15. For information the likely makeup of the categories of places to be offered for its new year 7 starting in September 2009 is:

Category	Number
Catchment Sibling	2
Catchment	7
Sibling Out of Area	1
Out of Area	2
Total	12

16. The current sufficiency calculation for the school gives it a capacity in the range 105 to 119 ie a range in the PAN of 15 to 16.
17. 17 pupils were admitted in September 2008 and 11 pupils admitted in September 2007.
18. There are currently a total of 102 pupils on roll.
19. Burley Gate's request has formed part of the current School Admissions Consultation process (please see Appendix 1). No negative comments have been received.

### **Llangrove C E Primary School**

20. Llangrove C E Primary School has requested a decrease in its PAN from 15 to 12. For information the likely makeup of the categories of places to be offered for its new Reception Class starting in September 2009 is:

Category	Number
Catchment Sibling	4
Catchment	2
Total	6

21. There are currently a total of 55 pupils on roll.
22. 7 pupils were admitted in September 2008 and 8 pupils admitted in September 2007.
23. Llangrove's request has formed part of the current School Admissions Consultation

process (please see Appendix 1). No negative comments have been received.

### **Madley Primary School**

- 24 Madley Primary School has requested an increase in its PAN from 24 to 30.
- 25 For information the likely makeup of the categories of places to be offered for its new Reception Class starting in September 2009 is:

Category	Number
Catchment Sibling	5
Catchment	8
Sibling Out of Area	8
Out of Area	13
Total	34

- 26 There are currently a total of 179 pupils on roll.
- 27 30 pupils were admitted in September 2008, including 6 upheld appeals and 26 pupils admitted in September 2007, including 2 upheld appeals.
- 28 Madley's request was received too late to form part of the current School Admissions Consultation process (please see Appendix 1).

### **Kingsland C E Primary School**

- 29 Kingsland C E Primary School has requested an increase in its PAN from 18 to 20.
- 30 For information the likely makeup of the categories of places to be offered for its new Reception Class starting in September 2009 is:

Category	Number
Catchment Sibling	5
Catchment	11
Sibling Out of Area	8
Out of Area	0
Total	24

- 31 22 pupils were admitted in September 2008, including 4 upheld appeals and 17 pupils admitted in September 2007.
- 32 The reason for their request is “We have five classes in total and are not imagining that this could ever be increased. We have two Key Stage 1 classes and therefore could potentially have an annual intake of 20.
- 33 Changing our PAN would give the Local Authority and other schools a truer understanding of our capacity as fair admissions procedures are co-ordinated. We were deemed to be an ‘outstanding’ school by Ofsted 9oct 2008) and realise that the new Admissions Code is seeking to enable successful schools to ‘keep up the good work’.”
- 34 There are currently a total of 139 pupils on roll.
- 35 Kingsland’s request has not formed part of the current School Admissions Consultation process (please see Appendix 1).
- 36 It is noted that in all four PAN reduction cases the revised PAN’s meet the needs of children from the catchment areas. With falling rolls a decrease in PAN is likely to be to a sensible organisational request.
- 37 In the two PAN increase cases the revised PAN’s are not to meet demand from catchment children but rather from out of catchment parental preference children.

## **Considerations**

- 38 The national timing for consultation does not allow these requests to be considered in the light of the work of the Task Group.
- 39 The requests for reductions in PAN reflect long term demographic trends.
- 40 Increases in PAN must be in accordance with the school’s net capacity assessment. Neither Kingsland nor Madley schools have sufficient net capacity to agree to their requests at this time – Kingsland maximum of 19 pupils and Madley maximum of 25 pupils. Both schools are able to meet catchment and sibling demand within their current PAN’s. The LA has a duty to maximize parental preferences where possible and will be working with Kingsland and Madley in the light of the Task Group recommendations on the principles for future school reorganisation in Herefordshire.

## **Risk Management**

- 41 The LA may be challenged in respect of its role to maximize parental preference wherever possible. However the LA must consider the implications of maximising parental preference within a strategic context. The establishment and work of the Task Group will be key to providing an agreed strategy within which to consider increases in PAN’s in response to parental preferences.

## **Recommendation**

**THAT: the requests are considered and the requests for the changes in PAN are agreed.**

## **Background papers**

None

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Consulted School PAN's