

CO-ORDINATED SECONDARY ADMISSIONS REPORT BY SCHOOL SERVICES MANAGER

LOCAL ADMISSIONS FORUM

29 JANUARY 2004

Purpose

1. To note the current position on the arrangements for secondary transfer for September 2004, having regard to the new co-ordinated admission scheme as at Appendix 1.

Co-ordinated Secondary Admission Scheme

2. The Forum will recall that in March 2003, it approved the arrangement to introduce a co-ordinated secondary admission scheme from September 2004.
3. The scheme, produced under the Education Act 2002, allowed parents to express 3 ranked preferences on a common application form with a closing date of 7 November 2003.
4. The following table shows the provisional details of applications received from parents. In addition there are 83 late applications and, so far, 27 non-returned forms from known children within the system.

Provisional 2004 Secondary Transfer Application Summary

<i>Name of School</i>	<i>P.A.N.</i>	<i>1 PREF</i>	<i>2 PREF</i>	<i>3 PREF</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>SPACES</i>	<i>CATCH.</i>
Queen Elizabeth	100	53	5	21	79	21	66
Aylestone	250	195	242	182	619	-369	196
Bishops	235	244	229	123	596	-361	126
Haywood	180	138	28	51	217	-37	175
St Mary's	135	195	120	106	421	-286	n/a
Whitecross	180	175	89	118	382	-202	181
Kingstone	136	125	99	41	265	-129	117
Lady Hawkins	90	56	23	23	102	-12	59
John Masefield	174	166	38	26	230	-56	160
Minster College	140	97	22	34	153	-13	127
Fairfield	66	80	60	10	150	-84	42
John Kyrle	180	156	34	34	224	-44	187
Weobley	90	96	85	57	238	-148	84
Wigmore	90	108	44	35	187	-97	77
Out of County	n/a	59	95	57	211	n/a	n/a
TOTAL:	2046	1943	1213	918	4074	-2028	1597

DATA CORRECT AT 16.01.04

Further information on the subject of this report is available from Mark Chamberlain, School Services Manager on 01432 260923

5. The Council will make the formal offer on the 1 March 2004 for all schools, including the two voluntary aided schools, based on the highest available preference with space. However, there is likely expectation that the number of statutory appeals will increase over the previous year.

Recommendation

THAT the Local Admissions Forum:

- (a) note the current position on the September 2004 secondary transfer;**

and

- (b) support the continuation of the co-ordinated scheme based on the current format and arrangements, especially noting the earlier application date of 29 October 2004. (The timetable for secondary transfers for September 2005 is attached as at Appendix 2.).**