

AMMENDMENTS TO ADMISSION POLICIES OF VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOLS

REPORT BY ADMISSIONS AND TRANSPORT MANAGER

LOCAL ADMISSIONS FORUM

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Purpose

1. To consider changes to the Admission policies at certain Voluntary Aided Schools, namely: St Mary's RC High, Cradley C.E. Primary, Fownhope C.E. Primary, Fownhope C.E. Primary, St James C.E. Primary, St Thomas Cantilupe C.E. Primary, Lea C.E. Primary, Leintwardine Endowed Primary, Pembridge C.E. Primary and Pencombe C.E. Primary.
2. Following a request from the Local Admissions Forum to standardise the VA Schools oversubscription criteria in line with the Code of Practice a small working party held a meeting on Friday 16th December 2005. At this meeting a proposed policy was drafted and subsequently circulated to all VA Schools in Herefordshire. Those schools that subsequently amended their policies are shown above. Details of these revised policies are shown in Appendix 5 of the Information for Parents booklet for 2007 – 2008.
3. The Committee should be aware that the DfES have delayed notifying the Code of Practice. This may reflect the discussion over admission in the Education Bill.

Recommendation

THAT

(a) the changes be adopted for those schools who have adjusted their criteria.

and;

(b) the Forum considers what further action should be taken in the absence of a definitive Code of Practice from the DfES.

Background Information

None identified