



Report of : Head of Service – School Access

Meeting: Admissions Forum

Date of meeting: 15 November 2011

SUBJECT: Update on the Admissions Round 2011/12

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

To provide the Admission Forum information about the allocations that took place for September 2011 entry into Reception and Year 7.

2.0 Background Information

The Admissions team are responsible for allocating children to primary, infant, junior and secondary schools and defending admission appeals for community and voluntary controlled schools, including co-ordinating admissions between the voluntary-aided and foundation schools, the four neighbouring LEAs and the Academies.

The birth rate has been rising and the number of children entering Reception continues to grow, although the number entering Secondary school is at its lowest point for many years. This will begin to rise from next year. The team continue to explore more ways to let parents know about the need to apply for a primary school place. Last year 480 parents applied between the offer day and the start of term, and this has reduced to 250 this year. Parents who apply on time have a much greater chance of gaining one of their preferences, or a local school.

The online service continues to increase in popularity with a total of 11,000 parents applying online, representing 70% of applications.

3.0 Main Issues

Secondary offers continue to be made on the national offer day of 1 March. Just under 5000 parents applied on line and received their email offer on 1 March. There were 7624 offers made of which 86% received their first preference (appendix 1 and 2), up 2% from last year. A number of these offers are to children living in another local authority applying for Leeds schools. The percentage of Leeds parents who received their first preference was 90%. There were just over 200 fewer applications this year as the cohort entering secondary school is the smallest Leeds has. There will be a small increase in the number of children entering secondary school in September 2012 and a much larger increase in 2013 and beyond.

Primary school offers are made in mid April and the increasing birth rate in the City, as well as the work to support as many parents as possible to apply on time, resulted in offers rising by over 500 from last year. On 20 April 8756 offers were made for Reception places with 84.4% of parents offered their first preference school (appendix 1 and 3), down 3.7% on last year. This fall is mainly due to the birth rate increasing at a faster rate than we can introduce additional primary places into the City. There are approximately 9270 places available in the City as a whole.

The number of appeals for primary school places has risen again this year, although as most are defended on the basis of the infant class size legislation, very few are successful. The overall number of secondary appeals has fallen although this is increasingly difficult to monitor as schools become academies and foundation schools. This change of status places governing bodies in the position of admitting authority for the school or academy, and as such, responsible for defending their

own appeals. The table in appendix 1 therefore does not contain information for academies, aided or foundation schools, unless they have recently converted and we have handled their appeals centrally. In year appeals continue to fall and the success of the local authority in defending those appeals continues to improve. Much of this is due to the success of the Fair Access Protocol in Leeds which deals not only with children with challenging behaviour, but also those who have moved into an area where there is a shortage of places.

Since September 2010 the local authority has been required to coordinate all in year transfer requests for all schools and academies, and with other local authorities. Parents must apply to the local authority in which they live for a school place, and the local authority must check availability of places before offering the parent the highest preference possible. The team have received 8555 transfer requests during the last academic year. Approximately 70% of these requests are for primary school places.

The Fair Access Protocol continues to prove very successful in Leeds. Any child who may face difficulty in gaining a school place is covered by the Protocol and all children who are without a school place are made an offer through this process. The Protocol covers about 20% of all transfer requests and every child is made an offer of a school place, whilst ensuring that no school has to take more than their fair share of children with challenging behaviour.

4.0 Conclusions

That Admissions Forum note the statistical information on the Admissions round including

- Percentage of first preferences achieved was 85.4%, with 95.3% achieving one of their three preferences
- The increasing number of primary appeals, and the further 6% improvement in the successful defence of in year appeals
- The continued increase in use of the online application system with 70% of parents now choosing to apply online (up from 44% last year)

Appendix 1

Admission numbers and percentages for September 2011									
	Total	1 ST	%	2 ND	%	3 RD	%	Placed	%
Secondary	7624	6557	86%	612	8%	137	1.8%	318	4.2%
Primary	8756	7392	84.4%	701	8%	193	2.2%	470	5.4%
Junior	313	306	97.9%	3	1%	3	1%	1	0.1%
Total	16693	14255	85.4%	1316	7.9%	333	2%	789	4.7%

Placed is where no preference could be met or the form was not returned. In these cases the children were placed into a school against any preference.

The total column does not include those parents who have been offered a late preference. 'Late preferences' are where parents have requested additional schools after the offer day.

Percentage of first preferences achieved

	2011	2010	2009	2008
Secondary	86.0	83.9	83.7	86.7
Primary	84.4	88.1	83.2	88.6
Junior	97.9	96.2	96.9	95.3
Total	85.4	86.2	83.7	87.8

Percentage of parents who achieved one of their three preferences

	2011	2010	2009	2008
Secondary	96	96.5	95.5	97.0
Primary	96.9	91.3	95.1	98.8
Junior	97.9	97.3	97.3	96.1
Total	95.3	96.7	93.5	96.1

Appeals

	Granted	Not Granted	Total	% Granted
Secondary	64	148	212 (400)	30% (26%)
Primary	19	369	388 (317)	4.9% (7.5%)
In year	93	176	269 (309)	34.6% (40.8%)
Total	176	693	869 (1026)	

Last years figures in brackets

Appendix 2

Secondary Preference data

This table shows the summary of initial demand, that is, preferences received from parents by **the beginning of December 2010** after we have received information from other local authorities.

School	Admission number	1 st pref	2 nd pref	3 rd pref
Abbey Grange CE	205	249	130	114
Allerton Grange	240	151	241	129
Allerton High	180	226	160	183
Benton Park	232	244	276	132
Boston Spa	300	157	180	157
Brigshaw	240	181	170	71
Bruntcliffe	240	167	200	205
Cardinal Heenan Catholic	180	206	135	88
Carr Manor	180	122	84	121
City of Leeds	150	22	23	38
Cockburn	210	231	159	74
Corpus Christi Catholic	184	186	126	81
Crawshaw	195	126	192	130
David Young Community Academy	180	179	76	63
Farnley Park	210	135	82	48
Garforth (Foundation)	300	343	259	118
Guiseley	225	241	226	133
Horsforth	225	240	189	141
John Smeaton	180	169	108	110
Lawnswood	270	108	89	124
Leeds West Academy	240	148	60	68
Morley	252	280	297	86
Mount St Mary's Catholic	180	157	107	101
Parklands Girls	140	59	70	47
Priesthorpe	195	125	111	169
Primrose	180	80	52	79
Prince Henry's Otley	225	218	136	133
Pudsey Grangefield	195	248	242	93
Ralph Thoresby	180	106	132	92
Rodillian	210	225	158	87
Roundhay	250	417	269	114
Royds	220	170	159	85
South Leeds	210	142	53	49
St Mary's Catholic Menston	180	207	134	89
Swallow Hill	240	174	97	54
Temple Moor	210	186	119	105
Wetherby	170	120	128	116
Woodkirk	300	281	221	234

Appendix 3

Primary Preference data

This table shows only those primary schools who were oversubscribed with first preferences **at the beginning of March** when all on time preferences were being considered.

School	Admission number	1 st pref	2 nd pref	3 rd pref
Aberford	14	17	2	7
Adel	30	46	54	27
All Saints Richmond Hill	30	43	16	15
Alwoodley	60	79	47	40
Beecroft	30	53	28	9
Beeston Hill St Luke CE	45	85	45	26
Birchfield	30	50	42	11
Broadgate	30	35	16	28
Calverley Parkside	30	47	29	27
Carr Manor	60	87	53	61
Churwell	60	67	34	36
Collingham LEH	30	37	22	16
Colton	30	53	29	43
Cookridge	45	46	42	34
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary	50	53	32	14
Cottingley	40	42	3	1
Cross Flatts	30	42	43	17
Crossley Street	30	43	34	18
Deighton Gates	30	31	32	9
East Ardsley	45	46	13	19
Farsley Westroyd Infant	60	94	31	13
Fieldhead Carr	30	34	15	5
Five Lanes	60	80	61	11
Garforth Green Lane	50	55	44	25
Gledhow	60	112	101	62
Greenmount	60	63	37	31
Greenside	45	60	90	27
Guiseley Infant	90	91	36	27
Harehills	90	92	70	40
Harewood CE	13	22	24	21
Hawthorn CE Primary	15	17	19	24
Hilltop	30	39	60	20
Holy Family Catholic	30	33	17	5
Holy Name Catholic	30	37	28	17
Holy Rosary and St Anne Catholic	30	40	12	14
Hunslet St Mary CE	30	37	24	11
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic	60	70	29	26
Lady Elizabeth Hastings Thorp Arch	20	28	15	12
Lawns Park	30	37	20	25
Little London	30	46	23	13
Lower Wortley	45	47	52	25
Lowtown	30	34	34	36
Meanwood CE	30	62	36	15
Morley Victoria	60	71	101	68
Oakwood	60	68	37	35
Otley All Saints	30	32	28	20
Pool in Wharfedale	30	35	11	10
Pudsey Primrose Hill	45	54	44	61
Pudsey Tyersal	30	34	3	5

Rawdon Littlemoor	45	58	76	42
Rawdon St Peters CE	45	53	27	14
Raynville	60	66	23	14
Robin Hood	45	65	38	27
Rothwell St Mary's Catholic	30	41	24	6
Roundhay St John CE	30	69	24	35
Seacroft Grange	30	32	7	12
Shadwell	30	40	32	34
Sharp Lane	60	67	43	17
SS Peter and Paul Catholic	30	37	12	12
St Anthony Catholic	30	38	36	8
St Augustine Catholic	60	66	40	38
St Chad CE	30	47	21	13
St Edwards Catholic Boston Spa	22	24	13	10
St Francis of Assisi	25	29	18	15
St Josephs Pudsey Catholic	30	43	9	6
St Josephs Wetherby Catholic	30	33	11	11
St Margarets CE	60	68	77	62
St Marys Horsforth Catholic	30	41	35	13
St Marys CE Boston Spa	24	21	41	16
St Matthews	60	62	58	28
St Nicholas Catholic	40	67	71	28
St Patricks Catholic	30	60	28	26
St Pauls Catholic	30	31	35	18
St Peters CE	30	38	19	14
St Theresa Catholic	60	84	27	23
St Urbans Catholic	30	51	34	30
Stanningley	30	41	27	25
Summerfield	30	37	25	18
Talbot	60	93	66	48
Templenewsam Halton	60	76	50	34
Tranmere Park	45	55	65	19
Weetwood	30	39	52	38
Westbrook Lane	30	41	59	47
Westerton	90	100	64	14
Westgate	30	32	31	25
Whingate	60	64	24	30
Whinmoor St Pauls	30	32	13	5