

Warwickshire County Council **Consultation for 2020/2021 School Admissions**

(including the coordinated admissions scheme for children due to start school in Reception, children due to transfer from Year 2 at an infant school, and children due to start Year 7 in a secondary school, in September 2020)

Consultation and coordination

Warwickshire County Council is required to operate a coordinated admissions scheme. This allows Warwickshire residents to make a single application for places at their preferred school(s) and receive a single offer of a school place, whether or not this is one of their preference schools.

Warwickshire County Council is about to commence a consultation period relating to our admission arrangements for the 2020/21 academic year. As required by the School Admissions Code (2014), admission authorities must consult on their proposed admissions arrangements for 2020 entry between 01 October 2018 and 31 January 2019. Consultation for 2020 entry must last for a minimum of six weeks.

The consultation period for Warwickshire County Council's proposed admission arrangements for 2020 entry, and in-year admissions for the 2020/21 academic year, will therefore operate between:

9am on Friday 23 November 2018 until

9am on Friday 11 January 2019

Please note that there are other important dates stated in the School Admissions Code regarding the consultation process, which must be complied with. While some of these dates are referenced in the proposed admission arrangements, the full version of the Code can be found using the following link:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/389388/School Admissions Code 2014 - 19 Dec.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/389388/School_Admissions_Code_2014_-_19_Dec.pdf)

Where changes are proposed, admission authorities **must** consult with the following:

- a) parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen;
- b) other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions;
- c) all other admission authorities within the relevant area (except that primary schools need not consult secondary schools);

- d) any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority; and
- e) in the case of schools designated with a religious character, the body or person representing the religion or religious denomination.

In-Year admissions

While there is no longer a requirement for local authorities to co-ordinate in-year admissions, we are proposing that Warwickshire's School Admissions Service continue to receive these applications for the 2020/21 academic year. This will apply to all Warwickshire Schools where the local authority is the admission authority but we would also encourage own admission authority schools to adopt such an approach. When the local authority co-ordinates in-year admissions, parents are able to make a single application for a school place and it makes it far easier for the local authority to track vulnerable groups of children.

Determination

Following the consultation period, the arrangements will then be considered by Cabinet, before being determined by the deadline of 28 February 2019 (as required by the School Admissions Code).

Once the arrangements have been determined, Warwickshire County Council will publish the final version of its 2020 entry coordinated scheme, the relevant over-subscription criteria for this entry year, and the 2020/21 in-year arrangements, as well as the admission arrangements for schools who are their own admission authority, on the WCC website, by the deadline of 15 March 2019.

Comments and Feedback

Any comments or feedback on Warwickshire County Council's proposed admission arrangements for September 2020 entry, and the 2020/21 academic year, should be sent, in writing, for the attention of:

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