

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL CABINET

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Report Title Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary
Controlled West Northamptonshire schools for 2024 intakes

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Appendix A - “Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in West Northamptonshire for 2024 intakes”

Appendix B – EQIA screening assessment

1. Purpose of Report

The local authority (LA) has a duty to act in accordance with the statutory provisions of the School Admissions Code (2021) and with laws relating to school admissions. School admission arrangements for all schools must be agreed annually and it is the duty of admission authorities to ensure that admission arrangements are compliant with the School Admissions Code. The purpose of this report is to provide the necessary information to allow the Council to determine

the admission arrangements for its schools (Community and Voluntary Controlled schools) for the 2024 intakes.

2. Executive Summary

2.1 Admission Arrangements:

There are no other proposed changes to the admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools. No consultation was required.

- **Appendix A** “Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in West Northamptonshire for 2024 intakes”.

3. Recommendations

3.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet/Committee:

- a) approve the admission arrangements as detailed in Appendix A

4. Reason for Recommendations

4.1 The above is a statutory requirement

5. Report Background

5.1 All admission authorities must determine admission arrangements every year, even if they have not changed from the previous year and no consultation has been required. This is a statutory requirement that must be carried out by 28 February in the determination year.

6. Issues and Choices

6.1 The admission arrangements remain unchanged from the previous year.

7. Implications (including financial implications)

7.1 Resources and Financial

There are no resources or financial implications arising from the proposals.

7.2 Legal

The legal implications are set out below in the risk section. In essence the Council must fulfil its statutory obligations in relation to its admission arrangements.

7.3 Risks

1) Risk – That West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) does not fulfil statutory obligations as required by the School Admissions Code (2021). Mitigation – WNC must determine the admission arrangements for 2024 for its Community and Voluntary Controlled schools by 28 February 2023.

2) Risk - Admission arrangements may be considered to be unfair or not compliant with the School Admissions Code. A consequence of this could be that WNC would be reported to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator. Mitigation – admission policies have been checked for compliance with the School Admissions Code (2021).

7.4 Consultation

Consultation was not necessary as per the School Admissions Code (2021) as no changes have been proposed to the admission arrangements for 2024 intakes.

7.5 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny

There are no proposals for Overview and Scrutiny to consider this report.

7.6 Climate Impact

No implications arising from any recommendations that are being proposed.

7.7 Community Impact

No implications arise

7.8 Communications

No implications

8. Background Papers

8.1 School Admissions Code (2021) [School admissions code 2021 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/101222/school-admissions-code-2021.pdf)