

ADMISSION & EDUCATION TRANSPORT POLICIES FOR 2019-20 AND 2020-21

Report of the Head of Education and Learning

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to approval by the Cabinet and confirmation under the provisions of the Council's Constitution before taking effect.

1. Note the admission arrangements were proposed and consulted on by the Local Authority.
2. Approve the admissions cycle timetable drawn up for the admissions arrangements cycle, set out at **Appendix Three**.
3. Determine the Normal Round Co-Ordinated Admissions Scheme for 2021-22, the In-Year Co-Ordinated Admissions Scheme for 2020-21 and the Education Transport Policies for 2021-22 summarised at **section 2** below.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Local Authority (Devon LA) has a statutory responsibility to propose, consult on and determine admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled (VC) schools and co-ordinated admission schemes for the normal round of admissions to all state-funded schools. Consultation in Devon is held ahead of the statutory deadline for annual determination by Cabinet. Schools that are their own admissions authority (Foundation, Voluntary Aided, Academies and Free schools, University Technical Colleges and Studio Schools) are responsible for their own arrangements and determined by the governing boards and academy trusts.
- 1.2 This paper is to report the outcome of the consultation on primary and secondary school admission arrangements for 2021-22 and the co-ordination of primary and secondary school admissions and to seek approval to the schemes. Admission to special schools and fee-paying independent schools is outside the of scope these arrangements.
- 1.3 This paper also proposes the Education Transport Policies for 2021-22.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are requested to:
 - a) approve the Published Admission Numbers for community and VC schools for 2021-22 (see **Appendix One**)
 - b) approve the catchment areas for community and VC schools for 2021-22 set (see **Appendix Two**)
 - c) approve the admissions timetable for the next year (see **Appendix Three**)
 - d) determine the normal round co-ordinated admissions scheme for 2021-22 (see **Appendix Four**)
 - e) determine the in-year co-ordinated admissions scheme for 2020-21 (see **Appendix Four**)

- 2.2 Members are also requested to:
- f) approve the Education Transport Policies for 2021-22 (see **Appendix Five**)

3. CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 Education Authorities are required to consult annually on their admission arrangements and to determine them by 28/29 February. Devon consulted on the proposed admission arrangements for community and VC schools for which it is the admissions authority and on the proposed co-ordinated admission schemes for primary and secondary schools. Where a school converts to academy status after determination, the published admission arrangements for them will remain in place.
- 3.2 Consultation took place from the beginning of November 2019 on the admission arrangements. It was open to own admission authority schools to participate in the consultation, including academies through an Admissions Traded Service. Joint consultation is intended to place as many admission arrangements in one place as possible for the benefit of consultees.
- 3.3 An email was sent to schools at the beginning of November 2019, notifying them that the consultation website was live. Details of the consultation were also sent electronically to all neighbouring LAs and the Church of England and Roman Catholic Dioceses, relevant Trades Unions, local Members of Parliament, the Children's Education Advisory Service, community groups and Early Years settings. The Devon Education Forum has been consulted through reporting to the School Organisation, Capital and Admissions Forum.
- 3.4 The consultation website set out all aspects of the proposed admission arrangements and enabled schools and other consultees to respond to the proposals online via email direct to Devon. Responses were required by 3 January 2020 in order to allow consultees time in which to respond.
- 3.5 The following were also used to publicise the consultation:
- An advert placed in the first edition of the Western Morning News in November 2019
 - Devon County Council website
 - Devon's "Have Your Say"
- 3.6 All community and voluntary controlled schools were sent a link to an admissions policy document for the school for 2021-22, drafted on the same lines as those for own admission authority schools.
- 3.7 The number of responses received remains low. The School Admissions Codes leave limited scope for a wide variety of lawful arrangements. Devon's arrangements have been consistent for a number of years with substantive amendments being introduced gradually and with consultation. Feedback from schools suggests that they are largely content with matters such as oversubscription criteria, Published Admission Numbers, catchment areas and the application process. The LA works closely with Diocese, headteacher and governor representatives throughout the year, discussing policy matters. A number of responses were received with regard to specific, local admissions issues, detailed at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements This is in common with neighbouring LAs.

4. CO-ORDINATED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2021-22

- 4.1 Devon is required under the School Admissions Code to co-ordinate all normal round admissions to state-funded schools, with the exception of new Free Schools where the Department for Education's instruction may be to not coordinate. Devon has consulted annually on co-ordinated admissions schemes for primary and secondary schools; the proposed scheme for 2021-22 was a combined scheme for the Normal Round of Admissions into all state-funded schools. Normal round is the first opportunity to be admitted into any school, such as at the beginning of Reception, Year 3 for junior schools and Year 7 for secondary schools. It also includes Year 7 for all-through schools. It brought forward the arrangements from the previous academic year, with some amendments, detailed at **Appendix Four**. On average, the co-ordinated schemes manage 7,500 primary admissions, 7,000 secondary admissions and 6,500 in year admissions each year.
- 4.2 Devon's arrangements oversaw 15,006 applications for Devon-resident children for the 2019-20 normal round of admissions for all schools and academies. The percentage of children who received a place at the school most preferred by the parent increased in Devon and remains significantly above the most recent national averages¹.

	2018-19		2019-20	
	Nationally	Devon	Nationally	Devon
Secondary				
Applications	582,761	7487		7346
First preference offered	82%	94%		94%
Any preference offered	95%	98%		98%
Primary				
Applications	608,180	7519		7272
First preference offered	91%	95%		97%
Any preference offered	98%	98%		99%

The data for national allocations for 2019 have not yet been released.

- 4.3 Devon is not required to co-ordinate in-year admissions to all state-funded schools. It must manage in-year applications for community and VC schools and extends this facility to all state-funded mainstream schools. The purpose is to enable parents to apply for one or more schools at the same time and promote a fair, transparent and lawful admissions process for all children in the county. By doing so, Devon seeks to minimise instances where children are missing education and ensure compliance with the School Admissions Code and School Admissions Appeals Code. Devon has consulted annually on an in-year co-ordinated admissions scheme; the proposed scheme for 2020-21 was brought forward from the previous academic year. As an integral part of a fair, legal and transparent admissions service, Devon-wide in-year co-ordination is supported by funding from the Dedicated Schools' Grant for all state-funded, mainstream schools.
- 4.4 Published Admission Numbers (PANs) were proposed for community and VC schools, taking into account the accommodation available, expected local demand, sensible organisation, a strategic overview of the number of places in an area, the constraints of Key Stage One Class Size Legislation and the flexibility to increase PANs where this becomes necessary. The proposed PANs are listed at **Appendix One** and can be found

¹ Taken from <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/secondary-and-primary-school-application-and-offers-2018>

in the individual admissions policy document for each school at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>

- 4.5 The proposed catchment areas for community and VC schools were brought forward from the previous academic year with one amendment. This is the southern border for Hatherleigh Primary School. This is detailed at **Appendix Two**.
- 4.6 Devon's Fair Access Protocol provides for vulnerable children who otherwise would be out of school. It is continually reviewed in consultation with Devon schools and must reflect local circumstances. Work is ongoing with head teacher and governing board colleagues to review the Protocol. Cabinet will be invited to consider a revised version at the end of this process.
- 4.7 The primary and secondary co-ordination schemes have statutory deadlines. They must be determined by the end of February ahead of applications in September for admission the following September. This has been taken into account in a timetable for the admissions process which is detailed at **Appendix Three**.

5. OWN ADMISSION AUTHORITY SCHOOLS

- 5.1 Many schools in Devon are responsible for their own admissions policy and decisions in response to admissions applications. These are academy, free, studio, voluntary aided and foundation schools and university technical colleges (UTCs). At the time of writing, there were²:

Academy schools	170
Foundation schools	36
Free schools	7
Studio schools	1
University Technical College	1
Voluntary Aided	28

There remain, a number of schools for which Devon is the admissions authority:

Community schools	76
Voluntary Controlled	32

- 5.2 All LAs have a responsibility under the School Admissions Code to collate and publish the admission arrangements of all schools, including own admission authority schools. Devon meets this requirement by publishing a copy of all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy> and reviews the policies of all schools to ensure that they are legally compliant. Where the DCC Admissions Service identifies that any part of a school's admission arrangements may be unlawful, it will raise the issue with the school's admissions authority and seek amendments to make the arrangements lawful. Where agreement is not reached, a decision on whether to formally object to the arrangements to the Office of the Schools' Adjudicator will be made and also, where appropriate, representations are made to the Regional School Commissioner and Education & Skills Funding Agency.
- 5.3 The first stage of the compliance process is to work closely with own admission authority schools with their admissions policies. Where amendments are made to policies for community and VC schools, they are recommended to all own admission authority schools. In most cases, Devon formulates the policy for own admission authority schools to consider and approve.

² School types data is taken from the Department for Education's *Get Information About Schools* website for Devon schools and academies.

6. EDUCATION TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- 6.1 In previous years, the Education Transport Policy has been included in the admissions consultation and Members have been requested to consider them at the same time. The arrangements proposed for 2021-22 for statutory age children and Post-16 students are those previously determined for 2020-21 with changes proposed to wording to improve understanding, indicated by tracked changes in highlighted text.
- 6.2 There are no proposed changes to policy recommended to Cabinet for determination at this time.

7 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct financial considerations of this report. Further to the report to Cabinet last February on this matter, Devon has revised its Traded Service arrangements in response to the increased numbers of own admissions schools.

8 SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 The admissions policy supports the principle of providing local places at local schools.

9 EQUALITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 Equality of access to education opportunities is a fundamental feature of school admission arrangements and the education transport policies. All policies for consideration have been subject to an Equality Impact Needs Assessment, at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements.
- 9.2 Increasingly in a more autonomous school system, all LAs will need to ensure schools comply with the admissions code and be prepared to challenge practice that is neither legal nor inclusive.

10 LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 10.1 School admission arrangements are a statutory function of Devon County Council. Setting fair, transparent and legal co-ordinated admission arrangements ensures that Devon meets its duty and enables parents, schools and other interested parties to have confidence in them.
- 10.2 The admission arrangements have been proposed and the subject of consultation under requirements of the statutory School Admissions Code 2014. Arrangements must be determined by Devon by 29 February and must be compliant with the statutory requirements of the Code. The amendments to policies are compliant with the Code.

11 RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 The key risk is that admission arrangements are not determined by the statutory date of 29 February. This would mean that Devon County Council was not compliant with the requirements of the Code. It would be liable to censure from the Department for Education and the Office of the Schools' Adjudicator (OSA).

- 11.2 By not determining compliant arrangements, Devon parents and schools would be a) unable to plan effectively for the next school admissions round in 2021-22, applications for which will open in the autumn 2020 or b) to effectively plan for in-year admissions during 2020-21. This would be a failure of Devon to formulate and manage a fair and transparent admissions system. Furthermore, Devon's neighbours would have cause for concern that Devon may not meet its duty to co-ordinate arrangements for admissions across local authority boundaries. Action on the recommendations addresses this risk.

12. CONCLUSION

- 12.1 Devon County Council has a broad role in school admissions. It must set admission arrangements for those schools where it is the admissions authority and it must manage normal round admissions for all state-funded schools and children within its area. Where it believes that the arrangements for own admission authority schools are unlawful, it has a further duty to seek a local agreement for them to be lawful or make a formal objection. The approach is to provide a comprehensive support service for own admission authority schools and academies to minimise instances where admission authorities introduce unlawful and unfair arrangements, whether or not inadvertently. The aim is to enable parents to have confidence that the admissions process in Devon is fair, transparent and consistent, regardless of the school's designation.

The recommendations in this paper will ensure Devon County Council meets its statutory responsibilities in respect of school admissions.

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Local Government Act 1972. Background Papers:

Appendix One – Proposed Published Admission Numbers for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools

Published Admission Numbers can also be viewed as part of each school's admissions policy for each academic year, published at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>

			PAN 2020	PAN 2021
2400	Community	Abbotskerswell Primary School	12	15
2201	Community	Ashwater Primary School	8	8
2206	Community	Beaford Community Primary & Nursery School	15	15
3101	Voluntary Controlled	Berry Pomeroy Parochial Church of England Primary School	15	15
3053	Voluntary Controlled	Berrynarbor Church of England Primary School	12	12
2210	Community	Bishops Nympton Primary School	10	10
2402	Community	Bishopsteignton School	30	30
2717	Community	Bolham Community Primary School	16	16
2404	Community	Bovey Tracey Primary School	40	40
2002	Community	Bow Community Primary School	20	20
2472	Community	Bradley Barton Primary School and Nursery Unit	60	60
3001	Voluntary Controlled	Brampford Speke Church of England Primary School	10	10
3002	Voluntary Controlled	Branscombe Church of England Primary School	10	10
3003	Voluntary Controlled	Broadhembury Church of England Primary School	8	8
3004	Voluntary Controlled	Burlescombe Church of England Primary School	12	12
2476	Community	Canada Hill Community Primary School	45	45
2007	Community	Cheriton Fitzpaine Primary School	15	15
3105	Voluntary Controlled	Chudleigh Church of England Community Primary School	60	60
3777	Community	Clyst Heath Nursey and Community Primary School	45	45
2009	Community	Clyst St Mary Primary School	30	30
2010	Community	Colyton Primary School	25	25
3152	Voluntary Controlled	Cornwood Church of England Primary School	15	15
2025	Community	Countess Wear Community School	45	45
2015	Community	Culmstock Primary School	15	15
3107	Voluntary Controlled	Dartington Church of England Primary School	50	50
2431	Community	Decoy Primary School	60	60
2416	Community	Denbury Primary School	20	17
2223	Community	East Anstey Primary School	7	7

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2207	Community	East-The-Water Community Primary School	60	60
2603	Community	Ermington Primary School	25	25
2420	Community	Exminster Community Primary	60	60
2226	Community	Fremington Community Primary and Nursery School	60	60
3059	Voluntary Controlled	Georgeham Church of England (VC) Primary School	15	15
3060	Voluntary Controlled	Goodleigh Church of England Primary School	10	10
3061	Voluntary Controlled	Great Torrington Bluecoat Church of England Primary School	75	75
2604	Community	Gulworthy Primary School	12	12
2228	Community	Halwill Community Primary School	15	15
2605	Community	Hatherleigh Community Primary School	30	30
3779	Community	Haytor View Community Primary School	30	30
2012	Community	Hayward's Primary School	60	60
2448	Community	Hazeldown School	60	60
2432	Community	Highweek Community Primary and Nursery School	60	60
3063	Voluntary Controlled	Holsworthy Church of England Primary School	45	45
2048	Community	Honiton Primary School	60	60
2231	Community	Horwood and Newton Tracey Community Primary School	14	14
3065	Voluntary Controlled	Ilfracombe Church of England Junior School	120	105
2232	Community	Ilfracombe Infant and Nursery School	120	120
3013	Voluntary Controlled	Kentisbeare Church of England Primary School	25	25
2234	Community	Kentisbury Primary School	8	8
2050	Community	Kilminster Primary School	15	15
2425	Community	Kingsbridge Community Primary School	60	60
3112	Voluntary Controlled	Kingskerswell Church of England Primary School	60	60
2026	Community	Ladysmith Infant and Nursery School	90	90
2027	Community	Ladysmith Junior School	90	90
3154	Voluntary Controlled	Lamerton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School	8	8
2079	Community	Landscore Primary School	60	60
2237	Community	Langtree Community School and Nursery Unit	12	12
2612	Community	Lifton Community Primary School	25	25

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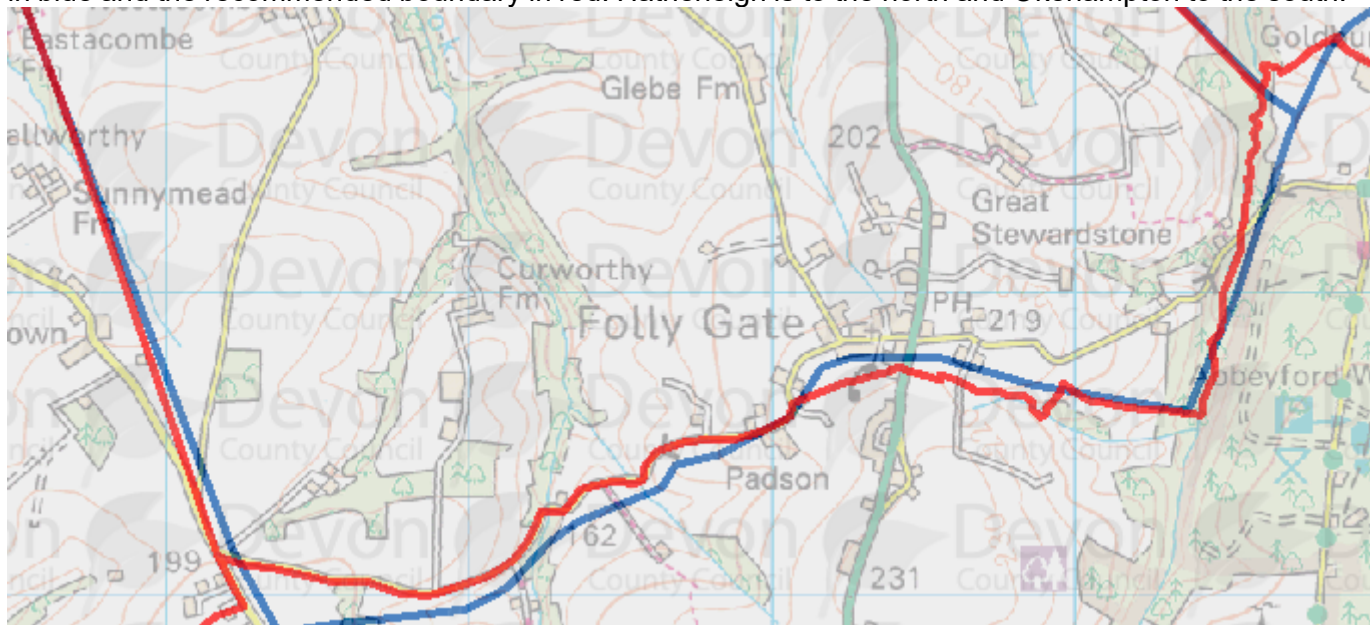
3028	Voluntary Controlled	Littleham Church of England Primary School	30	30
2428	Community	Loddiswell Primary School	15	15
3014	Voluntary Controlled	Lympstone Church of England Primary School	30	30
3114	Voluntary Controlled	Malborough with South Huish Church of England Primary School	15	15
2610	Community	Manor Primary School, Ivybridge	40	40
2622	Community	Mary Tavy and Brentor Community Primary School	15	15
2614	Community	Milton Abbot School	15	15
2715	Community	Modbury Primary School	30	30
2239	Community	Monkleigh Primary School	15	15
2054	Community	Newton Poppleford Primary School	30	30
2055	Community	Newton St Cyres Primary School	15	15
2029	Community	Newtown Primary School	30	30
2240	Community	North Molton School	15	15
3015	Voluntary Controlled	Offwell Church of England Primary School	17	17
3066	Voluntary Controlled	Parracombe Church of England Primary School	8	8
3016	Voluntary Controlled	Payhembury Church of England Primary School	15	15
2205	Community	Pilton Infants' School	60	60
3017	Voluntary Controlled	Plymtree Church of England Primary School	15	15
2059	Community	Sandford School	30	30
2060	Community	Seaton Primary School	60	60
2618	Community	Shaugh Prior Primary School	10	10
2243	Community	Shebbear Community School	10	10
2244	Community	Shirwell Community Primary School	8	8
2062	Community	Shute Community Primary School	12	12
4011	Community	Sidmouth College	150 (10 for Year 12)	150 (10)
3022	Voluntary Controlled	Silverton Church of England Primary School	20	20
2245	Community	South Molton Community Primary School	30	30
2242	Community	St Giles-on-the-Heath Community School	15	15
4208	Voluntary controlled	St Luke's Church of England School (<i>anticipated to convert to academy</i>)	196	196
3069	Voluntary Controlled	St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Bideford	60	60

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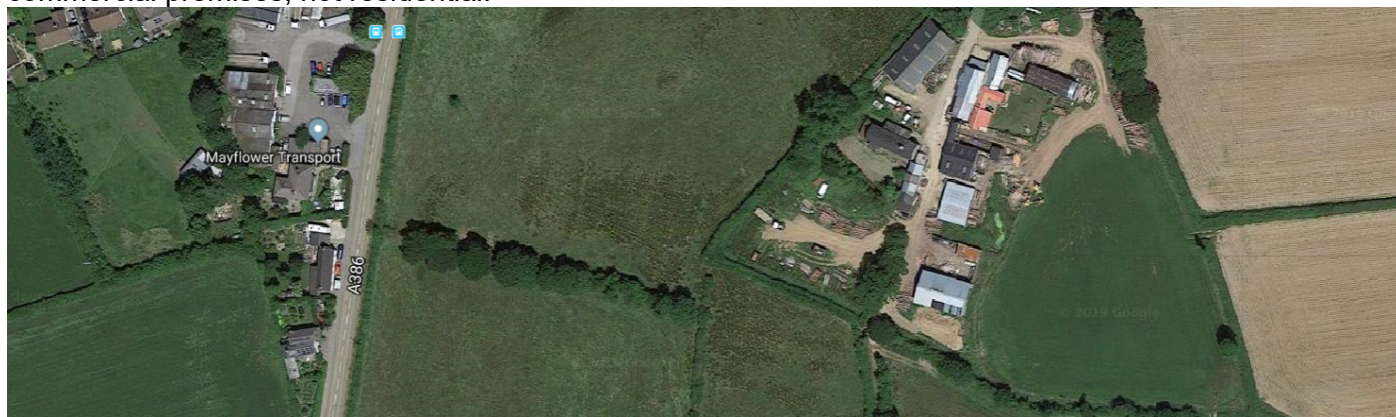
3128	Voluntary Controlled	St Michael's Church of England Primary School	60	60
3024	Voluntary Controlled	Stoke Canon Church of England Primary School and Pre-school	20	20
2033	Community	Stoke Hill Infant and Nursery School	90	90
2034	Community	Stoke Hill Junior School	90	90
2445	Community	Stokeinteignhead School	15	15
2446	Community	Stokenham Area Primary School	30	30
2609	Community	The Erme Primary School	25	25
2461	Community	The Grove Primary School	45	45
2090	Community	The Topsham School	30	30
3025	Voluntary Controlled	Thorverton Church of England Primary School	12	12
2710	Community	Ugborough Primary School	25	25
3026	Voluntary Controlled	Uplowman Church of England Primary School	8	8
2073	Community	Upottery Primary School	15	15
2209	Community	West Croft School	90	90
2249	Community	West Down School	15	15
2074	Community	Whimple Primary School	20	20
2075	Community	Willand School	60	60
2724	Community	Willowbrook School	60	60
3011	Voluntary Controlled	Withycombe Raleigh Church of England Primary School	90	90
3375	Community	Wynstream School	60	60

Appendix Two – Proposed amendments to Catchment areas for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools

1. The proposed 2021-22 catchment areas for community and voluntary controlled schools include one amendment from the previous academic year.
2. This is the border between Hatherleigh Primary School (community) and Okehampton Primary School (academy). It is redrawn to follow more identifiable boundaries such as roads, paths, watercourses and fields. No residences would change catchment areas. In the map below, the current boundary is shown in blue and the recommended boundary in red. Hatherleigh is to the north and Okehampton to the south.



At Folly Gate there are buildings which would move from Okehampton to Hatherleigh but they are commercial premises, not residential:



No responses were received from a mailshot to identified residences potentially affected.

3. Catchment area maps can be viewed at www.devon.gov.uk/schoolareamaps

Appendix Three – admission arrangements timetable

Timetable for the admissions cycle for 2020 and 2021

Statutory dates are in bold.

	Action	Action by
31 January 2020	Deadline for the completion of the consultation on proposed admission arrangements	Admission Authority
29 February	All policies to be formally determined – including the date of determination in the Policy version section.	Admission Authority
29 February	Appeals timetable to be published	Admissions Service Admissions authority
15 March	All policies to be published on school websites All faith policies to be forwarded to Diocese All policies to be forwarded to LA Policy Officer.	Admission Authority
By 15 May	Deadline for objections to the OSA	
Summer term 2020	Review content and presentation of policies for 2022-23	Admissions Service
By 1 September	All faith own admission authority schools will receive a suggested new document for consideration	Admissions Service
By 15 September	All other own admission authority schools will receive a suggested new document for consideration	Admissions Service
By 30 September	Faith schools to meet and agree a proposed policy then forward to Diocese (CE confirmed timescale)	Admission Authority
By 31 October	Diocese to forward proposed policies to LA Policy Officer	CE Diocese Catholic Diocese (if required)
By 31 October	All other own admission authority schools to return proposed policies to LA Policy Officer	Admission authority
1 November	LA-hosted consultation live for proposed admission arrangements for 2022-23	Admissions Service
8 January 2021	LA-hosted consultation ends	Admissions Service
31 January	Deadline for the completion of the consultation on proposed admission arrangements	Admission Authority
28 February	All policies to be formally determined – including the date of determination in the Policy version section.	Admission Authority
28 February	Appeals timetable to be published	Admissions Service Admissions authority
15 March	All policies to be published on school websites All faith policies to be forwarded to Diocese All policies to be forwarded to LA Policy Officer.	Admission Authority
By 15 May	Deadline for objections to the OSA	

Appendix Four – recommended amendments to the Co-ordinated Admissions Schemes

1. The policy documents can be viewed at <http://devon.cc/lapolicies>:
 - Recommended 2020-21 In Year Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme
 - Recommended 2022-23 Normal Round Admissions Scheme.
2. Amendments to wording are highlighted in red text.
3. Dates have been rolled forward for the new academic year.
4. Wording strengthened at section 5.4 to emphasise that parents seeking priority on the grounds of an exceptional need to attend a school should not do this for more than one school.
5. Clarification at section 14.2 that children can no longer be eligible to be siblings for the purpose of normal round admissions priority from the end of the summer term.
6. New footnote 34 inserted to acknowledge that children of statutory school age may attend school on a part-time basis where there are medical or other reasons why they could not manage to attend on a full-time basis.
7. Recommendation that schools' part-time offers should be no less than 15 hours a week removed from section 16.7.
8. St Luke's Science and Sports College removed from a list of schools at 17.2 with selection or aptitude testing. The governing board of the school requested that the provision for 10% of the normal round intake to be according to sporting aptitude be removed and this has been reflected in the school's individual recommended admissions policy. It is anticipated that this school will convert to academy status during the spring term.
9. The proposal at section 21.2 (20.2 in the in-year scheme) to regard any child of a member of the armed forces using a unit address to be at a distance of 1 metre from the preferred school is not to proceed. No comment has been received from the armed forces advisory service regarding this proposal. Without a clear view that this would reasonably support the children of service personnel to gain admission to school, the recommendation is not to proceed.
10. In the glossary example of **faith oversubscription criteria**, the minimum period is increased from one to two years. This follows revised guidance from the Exeter Diocese.
11. In the glossary, wording is removed for **multiple birth siblings** to establish a commitment that all multiple birth siblings will be admitted at the normal round where at least one can be admitted within the Published Admission Number.
12. In the glossary, wording is added to **sibling** to provide that offers for in-year admission for a child in the next autumn term create a sibling priority for children at the normal round. Wording which references situations where not all children in a family can be offered places at the same school is removed as unnecessary commentary.
13. In the glossary, emphasis is added to **waiting lists** that parents must confirm they wish to remain on a list and reapply each academic year.
14. In the oversubscription criteria for secondary schools, the reference excluding St Luke's Science and Sports College is removed. This may be amended with the

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anticipated academisation of the school. At that point, it would no longer be a voluntary controlled school.

15. In the Timetable for the secondary scheme, references to aptitude testing for St Luke's is removed.
16. **In the In-year scheme.** A limitation that children must live within daily travelling distance from a school to be offered a place has been removed. This could be seen as unfair where a parent applies for a vacancy while securing a house move closer to the school.
17. footnote 9 has been added at section 3.4 to clarify that the 0-25 SEN Team will manage admissions for children where an EHCP is about to be finalised, when it is at the draft stage.
18. footnote 16 is amended to clarify "significant" prejudice to efficient education.
19. At section 15.1 wording is amended for the provision where an admission authority decides that a child is not of an appropriate age to attend. Previous wording set out that it may refuse to accept the application, revised wording is that the application may be refused. This follows amended advice from the Department for Education and allows for parental appeal.

Appendix Five – recommended amendments to the Education Transport Policy

1. The proposed policy documents can be viewed at <http://devon.cc/lapolicies>:
 - Recommended 2021-22 Education Transport Policy
 - Recommended 2021-22 Post-16 Education Transport Policy.
2. Amendments to wording are highlighted text. There are no amendments to the policies such as to entitlement to education transport support.
3. Dates have been rolled forward for the new academic year.
4. At section 4.2 the limitation that appeals are not available where a parent wishes policy to be set aside is removed.
5. A new section 4.5 is included to clarify that 4-year old children in Reception are considered to be of statutory school age for the purposes of education transport eligibility. This is the current position.
6. At sections 5.3 and 6.3 wording is added to clarify that the other establishment is one at which the child is not on roll. This is the current position.
7. At section 5.10 and 6.10 wording is added to clarify that there is no discretionary entitlement to transport in this circumstance but there may be another entitlement: the move to a new school may be an expression of parental preference but the new school may be the closest available or one of the three closest available schools for a secondary age child from a low-income household. This is the current position.
8. New sections 5.11 and 6.12 are included to set out parental responsibility to apply for transport. This sets out the current position.
9. At section 6.1 the final sentence guidance is amended to clarify that it relates to the period when children are of statutory school age as the previous wording may have been misunderstood.
10. At section 6.4 wording is included to make provision for a health and safety concern or a disability or SEN. This is the current position.
11. Section 8.2 removed as it duplicates provision elsewhere.
12. At section 8.3 wording is included to confirm a responsibility of the LA to provide transport to eligible children at the normal start and finish times for a school or setting. This is the current position.
13. At section 8.14 wording is included to advise that measurements for transport and admissions purposes are undertaken differently. This reflects the current position.
14. At section 8.22, wording is included to clarify the meaning of “footpaths”: those recognised on Ordnance Survey maps. Also included is clarification that the entrance to a property is one which allows public access. This reflects current practice.
15. At section 8.35, wording is included to clarify the discretionary element of this provision.
16. In the glossary, wording is expanded for **primary education** and **primary school**.
17. In appendix 5, wording is included to advise that a small area of the catchment for Sherford Vale School lies outside Devon County Council area.