

EXECUTIVE

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Report Title	Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled North Northamptonshire schools for 2024 intakes and the Primary and Secondary Co-ordinated Schemes for the 2024 intakes
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Is the decision eligible for call-in by Scrutiny?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Appendix A – Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in North Northamptonshire for 2024 intakes

Appendix B – NNC Primary Co-ordinated Scheme for 2024 Intakes

Appendix C – NNC Secondary Co-ordinated Scheme for 2024 Intakes

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. 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 28th February in the determination year.
- 1.2. It is the duty of local authorities to formulate and publish a co-ordinated scheme for the admission of pupils to all schools in the area.

- 1.3. This report requests that the admission arrangements for North Northamptonshire is determined and the co-ordinated scheme is approved.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Admissions arrangements for all maintained schools are bound by the DFE Schools Admissions Code . The Local Authority has not proposed to make any changes to the Published Admission Number of its schools for 2024. The Admission Arrangements are set out at the following appendix.

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

- 2.2 The new timetable for the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme meets with the requirements of the Schools Admissions Code of Practice and is attached at the following appendices.

Appendix B to this Executive Report is the “NNC Primary Co-ordinated Scheme for 2024 Intakes”.

Appendix C to this Executive Report is the “NNC Secondary Co-ordinated Scheme for 2024 Intakes”.

- 2.3 The dates in the co-ordinated scheme timetables are set annually. The scheme then details how applications will be processed.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Executive is asked to:

- i) Determine the Admission Arrangements as detailed in **Appendix A**
- ii) Agree the two Co-ordinated Schemes for the 2024 intakes as detailed in **Appendix B** and **Appendix C**.

- 3.2 Reasons for Recommendations: It is the duty of admission authorities to determine the admission arrangements for all their schools annually. It is the duty of local authorities to formulate and publish a co-ordinated scheme for the admission of pupils to all schools in the area.

- 3.3 Alternative Options Considered: All the above are statutory requirements therefore there are no alternative options available .

4. Report Background

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 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 (2021)
- 4.3 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 intake.
- 4.4 Each year, all local authorities must formulate and publish on their website, a scheme to co-ordinate admissions to the normal year of entry for all publicly funded schools within their area. Applications will be processed in accordance with the timetables set out in these schemes. The purpose of the report is to allow the Council to agree the co-ordinated schemes for the 2024 intake.

5. Issues and Choices

- 5.1 With regard to Admission Arrangements, the Local Authority has not consulted on making changes to the admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools. The admission arrangements remain unchanged from those for 2023.
- 5.2 With regard to Co-ordinated Schemes, the timetable has been set in line with nationwide deadlines and time constraints.

6. Next Steps

- 6.1 If approved by the Executive, then the admission arrangements and co-ordinated scheme will come into effect from September 2023 for the September 2024 admission year.

7. Implications (including financial implications)

7.1. Resources, Financial and Transformation

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

7.2. Legal and Governance

- 7.2.1 Sections 13, 13A and 14 of the Education Act 1996 require councils that are Education Authorities to: ensure that efficient primary, secondary and further

education is available to meet the needs of their population; ensure that their education functions are exercised with a view to promoting high standards ensuring fair access to opportunity for education and learning, and promote the fulfilment of learning potential; and secure that sufficient schools for providing primary and secondary education are available for their area.

- 7.2.2 The Education and Inspections Act 2006 requires an Education Authority to publish any proposed alterations to existing school places provision and the process for consultation on such proposals is governed by Regulation.

7.3. Relevant Policies and Plans

- 7.3.1 There are no links between the corporate policies and plans and the report. The determination of admission arrangements and setting of co-ordinated schemes are annual statutory requirements which must be carried out by admission authorities in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code (2021).

7.4. Risk

- 7.4.1 Risk 1 – That the Council does not fulfil its statutory obligations as required by the School Admissions Code (2021).
- 7.4.2 Mitigation – The Council must determine the admission arrangements for its Community and Voluntary Controlled schools by 28th February 2023 and must publish a co-ordinated scheme for admission to the normal points of entry to all schools in the area.
- 7.4.3 Risk – If there is an objection to the admission arrangements, the Council must refer the objection to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator.

7.5. Consultation

- 7.5.1 There was no consultation on the admission arrangements as no changes were proposed for 2024.

7.6. Consideration by Executive Advisory Panel (EAP)

- 7.6.1. This report has not been considered by an Executive Advisory Panel.

7.7. Consideration by Scrutiny

- 7.7.1 This report has not been taken to the Council's scrutiny committees.

7.8. Equality Implications

7.8.1 Equality Screening Assessment completed and there is no negative impact on any of the protected equality groups.

7.9. Climate and Environment Impact

7.9.1 No implications arising from any recommendations that are being proposed.

7.10. Community Impact

7.10.1 No implications arising from any recommendations that are being proposed.

7.11. Crime and Disorder Impact

7.11.1 No implications arising from any recommendations that are being proposed.

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/92541/school-admissions-code-2021.pdf)