

Swindon Borough Council Diversity Impact Co-ordinated Scheme and Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for 2017-18

What is it about?

The Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to co-ordinate and allocate school places. The processes for determining the arrangements are subject to annual consultation and the report sets out the results of the consultation and the proposed arrangements for 2016/2017 academic year.

There are two changes proposed in the report they are:

- Clarification surrounding the definition of distance measurement
- Further definition concerning multiple applications for parents with joint parental responsibility

Who is it for?

The proposals are for parents of all children in a relevant year of entry to be able to submit preferences for up to 3 schools and the arrangements under which all applications will be considered.

The admission arrangements in the report are used for the purposes of prioritising individual applications for admission to school based on family arrangements and the distance they reside from a school. The admission criteria set out in the report are based on published guidance from the Department for Education to ensure they are arranged and operated in a clear, fair and transparent way according to a nationally imposed timescale.

Impact

Consultation has taken place as detailed in paragraphs 3.10-3.19 of the report. The proposal is to determine the admission arrangements and co-ordinated scheme as set out in the Appendix 1 and 2. The admission arrangements are based on clear, fair and objective criteria that offer no bias to individuals based on disability, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, marital/civil partnership status or pregnancy/maternity.

We believe there is a no potential adverse impact on the admission arrangements as set out in the report do not discriminate against disability, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, marital/civil partnership status or pregnancy/maternity

So what?

The proposal is for the admissions arrangements to be sent to the Secretary of State for Education by the 28th February 2016 in order to be determined in time for the 2017/18 academic year. If not determined, a scheme will be imposed by the Secretary of State.