

Agenda Item: 8

Meeting: ADMISSIONS FORUM

Date: 23 June 2010

Subject: Admission Arrangements 2011 – Foundation, Trust, Voluntary Aided Schools and Academy

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children, Families and Learning

Summary: The purpose of the report is to inform the Forum of the determined admission arrangements for Foundation, Trust, Voluntary Aided Schools and Academy

Contact Officer: Rosa Bonwick

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. To note the position for All Saints Academy**
 - 2. To seek the views of the Forum on the proposed reduction to the admission number for Harlington Upper School**
-

Background

1. Members of the Forum received a report, at the previous meeting on 24 March 2010, on the proposed admission arrangements for foundation, trust, voluntary aided schools and the academy.
2. All of the schools have now circulated their determined admission arrangements and with the exception of Harlington Upper School, there are no changes other than those reported at the previous meeting.
3. Members of the Forum will recall that the change to the admission arrangements for All Saints Academy is subject to the approval of the Secretary of State. The academy has submitted a formal request to the Secretary of State and a response is awaited.

Harlington Upper School

4. The Governing Body of Harlington Upper School has determined a reduced admission number of 340. The Governing Body did not consult on the reduction. Although there is a requirement to consult on any proposed

changes, an admission authority may decide to determine different admission arrangements.

5. The current admission number of 360 is within the upper part of the capacity range for the school. The proposed admission number is still within the range, albeit towards the bottom.
6. Although the school is not currently oversubscribed, there are more than 340 children in some of the year groups. Some of the children attending the school do not live within the catchment area.
7. There are no major housing developments planned for the area and the Local Authority believes that a reduced admission number of 340 would provide sufficient capacity to accommodate catchment children whose parents apply for a place during the normal admissions round. However, a reduced admission number could result in children moving into the area being unable to secure a place at their local school.
8. The Local Authority would welcome the views of the Forum on whether it would wish to support the proposed reduction to the admission number, given that appropriate consultation has not taken place.

June 2010

g:\pab\admiss\word\forum central beds\23 june 10\admission arrangements f&va.doc