

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

15 July 2010

School Place Allocations

Primary Co-ordinated Admissions

Applications received

The number of Year R pupils expected to start primary school in the 2010/11 academic year was 3,263 (3,151 last year). The number is expected to rise because not all pupils will be shown on the existing database. Any increase will potentially impact on the number of appeals submitted. Of the 3,263 expected cohort, 2,497 applications were accepted as received by the due date of 11 December 2009. 98 (39 last year) late applications have been received at 26 February 2010 and there were 183 (371 last year) applications outstanding at 26 February 2010. A number of these outstanding applicants will have made alternative arrangements for education and some will be planning to leave the Plymouth area so will not require a place.

Availability of the on-line application has been well received with 82% (78% in the previous year) of applicants applying by this method.

Primary Allocations

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| 1 st Preferences | 86.2% (2,347) |
| 2 nd Preferences | 5.7% (154) |
| 3 rd Preferences | 1.9% (51) |
| Other | 6.3% ** (171) |

** Pupils not allocated 1st, 2nd or 3rd Preference - allocated nearest school

This represents a total of 2,723 pupils which includes 18 pupils from Devon and Cornwall allocated places in Plymouth Schools.

Appeals are ongoing.

Junior co-ordinated admissions

Of the 198 (268 last year) expected cohort, all were accepted as received by the due date of 9 October 2009. The cohort has fallen due to the re-designation of Woodford Junior School to a primary school.

Availability of the on-line application has been well received with 75% (79% last year) of applicants applying by this method.

Junior allocations

All parents who requested that their child be admitted to the linked junior school received the allocation requested. No families requested admission to a primary school.

Secondary Co-ordinated Admissions

Applications received

The number of Year 6 pupils expected to transfer to secondary school in September 2010 is 3,041 (3,163 last year). This represents a drop of 122 from the previous year. Of the 3,041 expected cohort, a total of 2,909 applications were accepted as received by the due date of 16 October 2009. This figure includes applications for Plymouth schools from pupils resident in other local authorities and also those attending independent schools. 8 late applications had been received. A number of the outstanding applicants will have made alternative arrangements for education and some will be planning to leave the Plymouth area so will not require a place.

Availability of the on-line application has been well received with 74% (59% in the previous year) of applicants applying by this method.

Secondary Allocations

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| 1 st Preference | 91.3% | (2,583) |
| 2 nd Preference | 5.9% | (167) |
| 3 rd Preference | 1.5% | (42) |
| Other | 1.3% ** | (37) |

** Pupils not allocated 1st, 2nd or 3rd Preference - allocated nearest school

This represents a total of 2,829 pupils which includes 212 pupils from Devon and Cornwall allocated places in Plymouth Schools

With the exception of late applicants, no pupils remained unallocated following the first round of allocations. A second round of allocations took place one month after the initial allocation to attend to those late applicants and to those parents who have decided to alter their preference following round 1. Pupils unplaced in this round have been allocated a place at the nearest secondary school to the home address with a vacancy, taking into account parental preference. Thereafter, applications will be dealt with on receipt.

Appeals are ongoing.

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