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To: All Cumbrian Head Teachers and Governing Bodies

2021-22 Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools

The county council is the statutory admission authority for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Cumbria. The Local Authority (LA) is required to consult other admission authorities on any changes to the admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools, including catchment areas and proposed reductions to published admission numbers (PANs). You can find a copy of the county council's proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for 2021-22 together with the co-ordinated admission scheme for the 2021-22 academic year here:

<https://cumbria.citizenspace.com/cumbria-county-council/2021-22-school-admission-arrangements-for-communit/>

The consultation is available from today, 22 October 2019, it will last for 6 weeks and will close on 2 December 2019. If you have any comments on the arrangements, please send these to:

- school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk by 2 December 2019.

Published Admission Numbers for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools

The county council is required by the School Admissions Code 2014 to consult the governing bodies of Community and Voluntary Controlled schools where it proposes to retain or increase the current published admission number (PAN).

The county council is also required to consult with all other admission authorities in the area where it proposes to decrease the PAN of a Community or Voluntary Controlled school. It is proposed that the following school will reduce their PAN:

- Ewanrigg Junior School – 45 to 40

It is also proposed that Haverigg Primary School will increase PAN from 18 to 25 and Jericho School will increase PAN from 52 to 60.

It is proposed that the PANs of all other Community and Voluntary Controlled schools will remain unchanged from the figure published in the latest parental information booklets for the September 2020 admissions round.

The proposed admission arrangements also include an additional paragraph that sets out how the LA will process any admission requests that are received for children of UK service personnel.

During the consultation on the proposed admission arrangements for 2020-21 that took place between 3 October and 13 November 2018 the LA was asked to consider amending the admission arrangements to include a section on children of UK service personnel. At the time that the request was submitted, the inclusion of an additional paragraph in the 2020-21 arrangements had not been consulted on widely.

The additional paragraph has now been added and is subject to consultation during the period between 22 October and 2 December 2019.

I would be grateful if you could also bring this consultation to the attention of your governing body and to parents through any regular school communication such as a periodic newsletter.

If you would like to comment on any of the above changes, or about the proposed retention of your current PAN, please contact school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk as soon as possible but no later than 2 December 2019.

Academies, Voluntary Aided, Foundation and Free Schools

Academies, Voluntary Aided, Foundation and Free Schools may also need to consult where they are proposing to change their admission arrangements; please refer to the School Admissions Code, paragraph 1.42 – 1.45, the code can be found using the following link:

- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/389388/School_Admissions_Code_2014_-_19_Dec.pdf

Where you are required to consult on any proposed change to your policy, you should forward a copy to the county council at the school admissions e-mail address as soon as possible. Any consultation should last for a minimum of six weeks and should take place between 1 October 2019 and 31 January 2020. The Admissions Code also stipulates that admission authorities **must** send a copy of their full, determined admission arrangements to the Local Authority as soon as possible before 15 March 2020.

I wrote to all Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Free schools and Academies on 2 October 2019 in relation to this. A further letter will be sent out before the end of the autumn term but please note that you should forward a copy of your 2021-22 admission arrangements to the above e-mail address by Friday 28 February 2020 in order that we can fulfil our statutory duty to publish them on our website.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely



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