

Fair Access Placements for Children Missing Education

Update Report for Schools Forum

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the placement of children through the Fair Access Protocol.

Referrals to the Fair Access Panels

Children who are without a school place are referred to the Primary and Secondary Fair Access Panels for placement under the Fair Access Protocols in three ways:

- Cases are referred by the Children Missing Education Panel;
- When schools refuse an application for midyear admission under the protocol they must refer the child to the panel;
- When schools have admitted a child who would fall under the fair access protocol they can refer the case to the panel to receive credit for the admission.

Fair Access Panel Placements 2016/17

Secondary

The Secondary Fair Access Protocol was introduced in October 2016.

A total of 54 pupils were placed under the protocol during the 2016/17 school year.

The database which records how many children were placed in each year group at every school is included as Appendix 1 to this report.

Primary

The Primary Fair Access Protocol was introduced in January 2017.

A total of 56 pupils were placed under the protocol during the 2016/17 school year.

The database which records how many children were placed in each year group at every primary school is included as Appendix 2 to this report.

Funding to support reintegration

A sum of up to £500 is available to support the reintegration of children placed under the Fair Access Protocol.

This funding can be claimed as soon as the child has been placed fully on roll at the receiving school. In order to claim the funding the receiving school should send an invoice detailing how the money was spent to the Admissions and Pupil Place Planning Team.

The total amount claimed under this process must be refunded to the Local Authority if the child is removed from the school roll within 12 months of admission (other than at the usual date of leaving school – end of Year 6, Year 2 for infant schools and Year 11).

Review of the Fair Access Protocol

The Fair Access Protocol is subject to review at the end of each school year. The protocol is currently under review and the revised protocol and procedure notes will be issued after the Autumn half term holiday.

Recommendation

To note the report

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Shire Oak Academy					1		1	1	1		4
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Technology College		1				1					2
St Thomas More Catholic Business and Enterprise College	1		1	1	2	1	1		1		8
The Streetly Academy				1	1						2
Walsall Academy			1		2		1		1		5
Walsall Studio School (14-19)							1		1		2
West Walsall E-ACT Academy				1	1				2		4
Willenhall E-ACT Academy		1	1	2	2				1		7
TOTAL PUPILS PLACED	3	3	7	14	22	8	12	5	10	0	84

Appendix 2

School Name	Total pupils	Rec		Y1		Y2		Y3		Y4		Y5		Y6	
		FAP	Managed Moves	FAP	Managed Moves	FAP	Managed Moves	FAP	Managed Moves	FAP	Managed Moves	FAP	Managed Moves	FAP	Managed Moves
Abbey Primary	1											1			
All Saints National Academy	1											1			
Alumwell Infant	1			1											
Alumwell Junior	1									1					
Barcroft Primary	1							1							
Beacon Primary	0														
Bentley West Primary	2			1						1					
Birchills CE Community Academy	1	1													
Blackwood	0														
Blakenall Heath Junior	2							1				1			
Bloxwich Academy	3					1				1		1			

Academy															
Parkhall Junior Academy	0														
Pelsall Village	0														
Pheasey Park Farm Primary	1			1											
Pinfold Street JMI	1									1					
Pool Hayes Primary	1			1											
Radleys Primary	0														
Reedswood E-ACT Primary Academy	1														1
Rivers Primary Academy	1		1												
Rosedale CE (C) Infant	0														
Rough Hay Primary	1			1											
Rushall Primary	0														
Ryders Hayes	0														
Salisbury Primary	1									1					
Short Heath Junior	1											1			

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary	1			1											
Sunshine Infant and Nursery	1	1													
Walsall Wood	0														
Watling Street Primary	0														
Whetstone Field Primary	1													1	
Whitehall Junior Community School	1									1					
Whitehall Nursery & Infant	1			1											
Woodlands Academy of Learning	1													1	
TOTAL PUPILS PLACED	61	5	2	14	0	2	1	6	1	12	0	11	1	6	1