

School Planning and Admissions

CYP report –20th November 2014

1. Priorities

1. To undertake a borough wide review beginning in the municipal year of 2015/16 concluding in 2016/17
2. The priorities that require further work and impact on the September 2016 admission round to be considered during 2014, namely:
 - a. ***Ingleby Barwick Primary admission zones;***
 - b. ***Secondary Admission zone arrangements for south Stockton and Ingleby Barwick;***
 - c. ***Primary places for north/central Stockton;***
 - d. ***Increase the number of places at Ash Trees Primary School for September 2015 from 124 to 150.***
3. The current process for School Admissions – opportunity to comment upon and improve arrangements.
4. Consideration of the current oversubscription criteria, specifically in relation to sibling link and distance.
5. Policy on in year transfers and movers.

This report will focus on priorities 2 and 4.

2. Priorities – final proposals for formal consultation

a. Priority 2a - Ingleby Barwick Primary Admission zones

The proposal is to structure the Ingleby Barwick area into four community school admission zones, with St Francis of Assisi and St Therese of Lisieux operating across the whole of IB through their ecclesiastical zonal arrangements.

The LA met initially with all six Head Teachers w/c 8th October to inform them of the proposed changes to the admission zones. It was agreed to set a back to back meeting with the Head Teacher and Governing bodies of each school during w/c 3rd November followed by a separate meeting with parents.

The meetings were held that week as follows:

Myton Park Primary	Monday 3 rd November 5.30 to 6.30pm – Head Teacher and Governing Body 6.30 to 7.30pm – Parents (15 parents signed the attendance sheet.)
Ingleby Mill Primary	Tuesday 4 th November 5 to 6pm – Head Teacher and Governing Body 6 to 7pm – Parents (23 parents signed the attendance sheet.)
Whinstone Primary	Wednesday 5 th November 5.30 to 6.30pm – Head Teacher and Governing Body 6.30 – 7.30pm – Parents were invited, none attended.
Barley Fields Primary	Thursday 6 th November 5.30 to 6.30pm – Head Teacher and Governing Body 6.30 to 7.30pm – Parents (14 parents signed the attendance sheet.)

The meetings with the Governing Body were formal, recorded and quorate. The proposed zones were shared with the governing bodies and alternative suggestions were received and consulted on resulting in the amended, proposed zones.

In addition a further meeting was held with Ingleby Barwick Members on the 11th November to present the outcome of the initial consultations.

Therefore it is the intention to go out for formal consultation to re-define zones from those in Map 1 to the new zones in Map 2 which includes 4 LA maintained, community schools (Barley Fields, Myton, Ingleby Mill, Whinstone) with the 2 faith schools operating within their ecclesiastical parish arrangements. (Maps will be available at the meeting on the 20th November.)

The following represents the question that will form part of the formal consultation process:

To what extent would you agree with the proposed changes to the primary admission zones in Ingleby Barwick?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree/disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

b. Priority 2b - Secondary Admission zone arrangements for south Stockton and Ingleby Barwick

Following a pre-consultation discussion with all Secondary Head Teachers on the 6th November, it is proposed that the LA does not amend any of the admission zones for schools in the south of the borough and Ingleby Barwick for admission year 2016/17.

We do propose however to consult on the option to operate an amended zonal arrangement from the current zone (Map 3) to the approach in (Map 4) when processing applications for a school place at Egglecliffe School only. (Maps will be available at the meeting on the 20th November.)

It is proposed that the school will operate with two areas within its current admission zone namely a 'Zone A' for all those residents in the wards of Egglecliffe and the Western Parishes e.g Elton, Long Newton, Carlton and Redmarshall and a 'Zone B' for all those residents in the Ingleby Barwick villages of the 'Rings' and in part Broom Hill.

This means that if the school is oversubscribed with more applications that there are school places available then the LA will process applications by applying the oversubscription criteria firstly to those residents in Zone A then for those in Zone B.

The following represents the question that will form part of the formal consultation process:

To what extent would you agree with the proposal to introduce a zone based admissions arrangement for Egglecliffe Secondary?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree/disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Note for Members: Consideration to be given as to whether the Council should arrange a meeting with the parents of those children living within the Ingleby Barwick areas likely to be affected by the change to the admission arrangements for Egglecliffe Secondary. The meeting would take place prior to the formal consultation process commencing on 15th December.

c. Priority 2c - Primary places for north/central Stockton

It is intended to retain current PANs for 2016 across the 23 schools in the above primary planning area. Frederick Nattrass Academy, part of the Northern Education Trust (NET), is to consult on increasing its PAN to 40 from 30. We will also expect the proposed new Church of England Free School in Wynyard to open as early as September 2015 adding a further 60 Reception places. We will however look to increase the admission numbers in a small number of schools through discussion with Head teachers / Principals and Governing bodies to provide some additional capacity if demand dictates it. The outcome of a commissioned 'Capacity and Suitability' exercise involving a number of schools in these two planning area will assist in informing those decisions where required.

d. Priority 2d - Increase the number of places at Ash Trees Primary School for September 2015.

Following the conclusion of the 4 week 'Representation' period (Stage 2 of the Statutory Process) the LA has approved the decision to increase the number of school places at Ash Trees Primary School from 124 to 150 to accommodate the increase in demand of children with Special Education Needs (SEN) and disabilities. There were 3 meetings held with parents of the school and only 5 responses received within the consultation period of the 1st to the 28th October 2014.

e. Priority 4 - Consideration of the current oversubscription criteria, specifically in relation to sibling link and distance

Currently, the following criteria are used when there are more applications for a school than there are places available, places are allocated as follows (Note: any child with a Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Education, Health & Care Plan (EHC) that names a school is allocated place prior to the following being applied.):

1. LAC
2. Pupils with Complex Needs
3. Sibling
4. Pupils resident within zone for the school:
 - Social and medical
 - Distance – as the crow flies
5. Social and medical
6. Distance – as the crow flies

Following pre consultation discussion with Primary Head teachers / Principals, Governing bodies and parents it is proposed that we retain the current 2015 oversubscription policy and make no changes for Primary schools for admission in 2016.

Following the Secondary Heads meeting it was also agreed not to change the oversubscription criteria for secondary schools for admissions in 2016 but incorporate the proposed admission zonal arrangements for Egglecliffe School only when processing applications for a school place. (See 2b above.)

3. Consultation and approval process for priorities

Priority	Consultation required	Approval
Ingleby Barwick primary admission zones	Yes – part of consultation document 15 th December 2014 – 13 th February 2015	Cabinet - 4 th December to finalise proposals 12 th March for final approval
Secondary Admission zone arrangements for south Stockton and Ingleby Barwick for Eggescliffe School only	Yes – part of consultation document 15 th December 2014 – 13 th February 2015	Cabinet - 4 th December to finalise proposals 12 th March for final approval
Primary places for north/central Stockton	Not required. Information available as part of CYP and Cabinet report.	Information available as part of CYP updates and Cabinet reports
Increase the number of places at Ash Trees Primary School for September 2015.	Yes - completed 1 st – 28 th October 2014	Officer/Member decision. CYP for information

4. Formal Consultation document

Copies of the full Consultation document will be available at the meeting on the 20th November, including relevant appendices and maps.

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