



Report for: ACTION

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Purpose of Report:

This report outlines the school admission arrangements and the published admission numbers (PAN) for 2025/26 which need to be determined by 28 February 2024.

1. Recommendation for Decision

To agree:

- 1.1 The admissions arrangements and published admission number (PAN) 2025/26 for Ealing community schools (Appendix 1).
- 1.2 Ealing's scheme for co-ordination of admissions to Year 7 and Reception 2025/26 as part of Pan London co-ordination (Appendix 2).

2. Recommendations for Noting

To note the agreed determined community school admissions arrangements and planned admission numbers for 2025/26.

3. Reason for Decision and Options Considered

All admission authorities are required by Regulation 17 of the School Admissions Regulations 2012 to determine their admission arrangements by 28 February every year, even if they have not changed from previous years and consultation has not been required. This is set out in paragraph 1.49 of the School Admissions Code 2021.

4. Key Implications

Proposed changes to the admissions arrangements for community schools

4.1 The Local Authority is not proposing to make any changes to the community school admissions arrangements or PAN for 2025/26.

Admissions Numbers

4.2 The Local Authority is not proposing to make any changes to the community school published admissions numbers (PAN).

5. Financial

5.1 There are no financial implications the Council's mainstream funding arising from the proposals in this report.

5.2 In December 2023, the DfE notified the Authority of its Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) blocks for 2024/25. Central school's expenditure is funded from a separate Central School Services Block which totals £2.092 m for 2024/25 (excluding historic commitments). The Admissions service will be funded from this block. The budgeted cost for the Pupil Admissions service is £0.667m for 2024/25 which was agreed by the Schools Forum in November 2023. There is no General Fund budget for this service.

6. Legal

6.1 The Council has a statutory duty to ensure a sufficiency of places in the area under section 14 of the Education Act 1996.

6.2 The Council's admission arrangements must adhere to the requirements of The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Coordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012. The School Admissions Code 2021 has been issued under Section 84 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The Local Authority has a statutory duty to act in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Schools Admission Code.

6.3 This Code imposes mandatory requirements and includes guidelines setting out aims, objectives and other matters in relation to the discharge of functions relating to admissions by the Local Authority (and other admission authorities).

6.4 The Council is also subject to the general Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010 and must in exercise of its functions having due regard to the need to:

- a) Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act;
- b) Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not;
- c) Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

7. Value For Money

Not applicable

8. Sustainability Impact Appraisal

Not applicable

9. Risk Management

Not applicable

10. Community Safety

Not applicable

11. Links to the 3 Key Priorities of the Borough

Not applicable

12. Equalities, Human Rights and Community Cohesion

An Equalities Analysis Assessment is not required as there have been no changes to the admissions arrangements or PAN.

13. Staffing/Workforce and Accommodation implications

None

14. Property and Assets

None

15. Any other implications

None

16. Consultation

16.1 Where changes are proposed to admission arrangements, all admission authorities must consult by 31 January on their admission arrangements that will apply for admission applications the following academic year. Where the admission arrangements have not changed from the previous year there is no requirement to consult, subject to the requirement that admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements at least once every 7 years, even if there have been no changes during that period. These are set out in paragraph 1.45 - 1.48 of the School Admissions Code.

16.2 Consultation was not required for the community school admissions arrangements or PAN for 2025/26 as there are no proposed changes and the Local Authority last consulted in November 2022 for the 2024/25 community school admissions arrangements.

17. Timetable for implementation

Determination of the Admission Arrangements	By 28 February 2024
Publish on the website the determined admissions arrangements for all schools with information on how to refer objections to the Schools Adjudicator.	By 15 March 2024

18. Appendices

Appendix 1: Proposed Admission Arrangements 2025/26 for Ealing community schools, including published admission numbers (PAN).

Appendix 2: Ealing's Scheme for Co-ordination of Admissions to Year 7 and Reception/Junior in Maintained Schools and Academies in 2024/25.

18. Background Information

Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 Education and Inspections Act

2006 Education and Skills Act 2008

The Equality Act 2010

The School Admissions (Infant Class Sizes) (England) Regulations 2012 School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012

The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 Schools Admissions Code 2021

Consultation

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