

Report to: Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability

Date of meeting: 22 May 2023

By: Director of Children’s Services

Title: Published Admission Number (PAN) for Iford & Kingston CE Primary School 2024-25

Purpose: To increase the PAN for Iford & Kingston CE Primary School.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Lead Member is recommended to agree an increase in the PAN for Iford & Kingston CE Primary School from 20 places to 30 places for the 2024-25 academic year.

1 Background

1.1 East Sussex County Council (“the Council”) is the Admission Authority responsible for the admission arrangements for Community Schools and Voluntary Controlled (VC) Schools within the East Sussex area. The School Admissions Code 2021 (“the Code”) states that admission authorities must determine their admission arrangements annually. In accordance with this requirement, the Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability considered a report on 27 February 2023, which included a request from the Governing Body of Iford & Kingston CE Primary School to reduce the PAN for the school from 30 places to 20 places for the September 2024 intake. The Lead Member agreed the request.

2 Supporting information

2.1 The proposal to reduce the PAN for the school was put forward on the basis that a reduced admission number would be sufficient to meet in-area demand. It was however noted at the time the report was considered that the accommodation at the school would remain sufficient to accommodate a PAN of 30. The decision regarding the PAN reduction was then conveyed to the headteacher and governing body of the school.

2.2 However, following the appointment of a new headteacher at the school and a higher than anticipated number of applications for the September 2023 intake being received, the Governing Body requested that the original PAN of 30 be reinstated.

2.3 In accordance with the Code, as the Admission Authority, the Council considers that this increase is necessary due to a major change in circumstances it can propose such variation to admission arrangements.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The Lead Member is recommended to agree the PAN increase for Iford & Kingston CE Primary School from 20 to 30 for the 2024-25 academic year. The request to increase the PAN is proposed following a change in leadership at the school and a higher than anticipated number of applications being received for the September 2023 intake.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None