

SCHOOL PLACEMENT PANEL

MINUTES

25 SEPTEMBER 2013

- Chairman:** * Councillor Mrs Camilla Bath
- Councillors:** * Raj Ray
- Co-optees:** * Ms L Rowlands – Canons High School
* Mrs A Winstrom – Whitchurch First School

* Denotes Member present

368. Attendance by Reserve Members

RESOLVED: To note that there were no Reserve Members in attendance at this meeting.

369. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that the following interests were declared:

Agenda Item 8 – Admission to County Schools

Councillor Mrs Camilla Bath declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a governor of Whitchurch First and Nursery School, St. George's RC Primary School and Harrow High Academy. She would remain in the room for the consideration of any cases relating to these schools.

Councillor Raj Ray declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a governor of Kingsley Primary School and Shaftesbury High School. He would remain in the room for the consideration of any cases relating to these schools.

Mrs A Winstrom declared a pecuniary interest in that she was Headteacher at Whitchurch First School and Nursery. She would leave the room during the consideration of any cases relating to the school.

370. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2013, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

371. Public Questions, Petitions and Deputations

RESOLVED: To note that no public questions were put, or petitions or deputations received at this meeting.

372. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item for the reason set out below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reason</u>
8.	Admission to County Schools	Information under paragraph 1 (contains information relating to any individual).

373. Admission to County Schools

In accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, cases P322 – P492 were admitted late to the agenda to allow the Panel to allocate an appropriate place to the applicants. It was noted that case numbers P326, P333, P334, P335, P338, P342, P345, P346, P348, P353, P358, P359, P361, P362, P366, P378, P380, P383, P387, P390, P397, P398, P400, P408, P411, P412, P414, P417, P421, P423, P424, P427, P435, P437, P439, P440, P443 had been withdrawn as these pupils had been offered school places prior to the meeting.

On 25 September 2013, there were 135 children for whom admissions staff could make no reasonable offer of a school place. The School Placement Panel was requested to recommend to the Corporate Director of Children and Families to authorise the admission of these pupils to a school where no places existed in the relevant year group.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to the Corporate Director of Children and Families)

That offers of admission to schools be made as follows:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Admitting School</u>
1.	P321	1	Marlborough Primary School
2.	P322	Rec	St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

<u>Number</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Admitting School</u>
3.	P323	Rec	Stag Lane Infant and Nursery School
4.	P324	Rec	Stag Lane Infant and Nursery School
5.	P325	Rec	Krishna-Avanti Primary School
6.	P327	Rec	Camrose Primary School with Nursery
7.	P328	Rec	Camrose Primary School with Nursery
8.	P329	Rec	Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery School
9.	P330	Rec	St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
10.	P331	Rec	Aylward Primary School
11.	P332	Rec	Krishna-Avanti Primary School
12.	P336	Rec	Elmgrove Primary School and Nursery
13.	P337	Rec	Priestmead Primary School and Nursery
14.	P339	Rec	Norbury School
15.	P340	Rec	Elmgrove Primary School and Nursery
16.	P341	Rec	Roxeth Primary School
17.	P343	Rec	Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School
18.	P344	Rec	Earlsmead Primary School
19.	P347	Rec	Earlsmead Primary School
20.	P349	Rec	Grimsdyke School
21.	P350	Rec	St. John Fisher Catholic Primary School
22.	P351	1	Aylward Primary School
23.	P352	1	Avanti House School
24.	P354	1	Elmgrove Primary School and Nursery
25.	P355	1	St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
26.	P356	1	Whitefriars Community School
27.	P357	1	Welldon Park Infant and Nursery School
28.	P360	1	Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School
29.	P363	1	Grimsdyke School
30.	P364	2	Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery School
31.	P365	2	Weald Infant and Nursery School
32.	P367	2	Whitchurch First School and Nursery
33.	P368	2	Whitchurch First School and Nursery
34.	P369	2	Stanburn First School

<u>Number</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Admitting School</u>
35.	P370	2	Whitefriars Community School
36.	P371	2	Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School
37.	P372	2	Roxeth Primary School
38.	P373	2	Grange Primary School
39.	P374	2	Roxeth Primary School
40.	P375	2	St Teresa's Catholic Primary School and Nursery
41.	P376	2	Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School
42.	P377	2	Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School
43.	P379	2	Grange Primary School
44.	P381	2	Welldon Park Infant and Nursery School
45.	P382	2	Roxbourne Primary School
46.	P384	2	Cannon Lane Primary School
47.	P385	2	Pinner Wood School
48.	P386	2	Longfield Primary School
49.	P388	2	Welldon Park Infant and Nursery School
50.	P389	3	Aylward Primary School
51.	P391	3	Whitefriars Community School
52.	P392	3	St Teresa's Catholic Primary School and Nursery
53.	P393	3	Marlborough Primary School
54.	P394	3	Norbury School
55.	P395	3	Welldon Park Junior School
56.	P396	3	Grange Primary School
57.	P399	3	Grimsdyke School
58.	P401	4	Kenmore Park Junior School
59.	P402	4	Kenmore Park Junior School
60.	P403	4	Whitchurch Junior School
61.	P404	4	St. John's Church of England School
62.	P405	4	Whitchurch Junior School
63.	P406	4	Stanburn Junior School
64.	P407	4	Priestmead Primary School and Nursery
65.	P409	4	Elmgrove Primary School and Nursery

<u>Number</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Admitting School</u>
66.	P410	4	St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
67.	P413	5	Kenmore Park Junior School
68.	P415	5	Glebe Primary School
69.	P416	5	Whitefriars Community School
70.	P418	5	Glebe Primary School
71.	P419	5	Whitefriars Community School
72.	P420	5	Welldon Park Junior School
73.	P422	5	Pinner Park Junior School
74.	P425	5	Roxbourne Primary School
75.	P426	5	Roxbourne Primary School
76.	P428	5	Pinner Wood School
77.	P429	5	Grimsdyke School
78.	P430	6	Whitchurch Junior School
79.	P431	6	Camrose Primary School with Nursery
80.	P432	6	Kenmore Park Junior School
81.	P433	6	Aylward Primary School
82.	P434	6	St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
83.	P436	6	Grimsdyke School
84.	P438	Rec	Weald Infant and Nursery School
85.	P441	Rec	Elmgrove Primary School and Nursery
86.	P442	Rec	Grange Primary School
87.	P444	1	Weald Infant and Nursery School
88.	P445	1	Marlborough Primary School
89.	P446	1	Weald Infant and Nursery School
90.	P447	1	Aylward Primary School
91.	P448	1	Elmgrove Primary School and Nursery
92.	P449	1	Elmgrove Primary School and Nursery
93.	P450	1	Grange Primary School
94.	P451	1	Elmgrove Primary School and Nursery
95.	P452	2	Cedars Manor School
96.	P453	2	Roxbourne Primary School
97.	P454	2	Grange Primary School

<u>Number</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Admitting School</u>
98.	P455	2	Aylward Primary School
99.	P456	2	Earlsmead Primary School
100.	P457	2	Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery School
101.	P458	2	Weald Infant and Nursery School
102.	P459	2	Roxbourne Primary School
103.	P460	2	Cedars Manor School
104.	P461	3	Aylward Primary School
105.	P462	3	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
106.	P463	3	Belmont School
107.	P464	3	Stanburn Junior School
108.	P465	4	Roxbourne Primary School
109.	P466	4	Whitefriars Community School
110.	P467	4	St. John Fisher Catholic Primary School
111.	P468	4	Kenmore Park Junior School
112.	P469	4	Stanburn Junior School
113.	P470	4	Roxbourne Primary School
114.	P471	5	Whitefriars Community School
115.	P472	5	Priestmead Primary School and Nursery
116.	P473	5	Weald Junior School
117.	P474	5	Welldon Park Junior School
118.	P475	5	Weald Junior School
119.	P476	5	Cannon Lane Primary School
120.	P477	5	Elmgrove Primary School and Nursery
121.	P478	5	Krishna-Avanti Primary School
122.	P479	5	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
123.	P480	5	Elmgrove Primary School and Nursery
124.	P481	5	St Teresa's Catholic Primary School with Nursery
125.	P482	1	Weald Infant and Nursery School
126.	P483	1	Longfield Primary School
127.	P484	1	Pinner Wood School
128.	P485	2	Heathland School
129.	P486	2	Weald Infant and Nursery School

<u>Number</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Admitting School</u>
130.	P487	3	Cannon Lane Primary School
131.	P488	3	Pinner Park Junior School
132.	P489	4	Weald Junior School
133.	P490	4	Priestmead Primary School and Nursery
134.	P491	6	Pinner Park Junior School
135.	P492	Rec	Norbury School

The primary and secondary headteacher representatives expressed concern at having to place pupils in classes that were already exceeding the maximum infant class size of 30. Some schools would be introducing bulge classes in September 2014 to accommodate the additional pupils, however, the panel was of the view that this was too long to wait for a solution. They commented that the current model of placing more pupils into already overcrowded schools was intended to be a short-term solution, but was proving unsustainable due to the high volume of primary school-aged pupils moving into Harrow.

The Admissions representative proposed expanding the list of schools for allocation to include all schools within two miles of the pupil's home. However, the headteacher representatives remarked that this would not have any effect on the overall number of school places currently available in the borough.

The chair remarked that this situation needed to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the chair to contact the Portfolio Holder for Children and Schools to discuss the concerns above with her;
- (2) the primary headteacher representative to also discuss the concerns above with fellow primary school headteachers;
- (3) the chair and primary headteacher representative to report back at a future meeting of the Panel.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 10.07 am, closed at 1.23 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR MRS CAMILLA BATH
Chairman