

HARROW COUNCIL

CABINET - 18 NOVEMBER 2010

REFERENCE FROM HARROW ADMISSIONS FORUM - 20 OCTOBER 2010 - DRAFT ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2012-13

The Forum received a report of the Director Schools Quality Assurance and Commissioning, which set out the draft admission arrangements for 2012/13. Members of the Forum were requested to comment and make recommendations on the current admission arrangements which were due to be referred to Cabinet. The Forum was also asked to agree the consultation process on proposed admission arrangements, to ensure that they met local needs and the requirements of the School Admission Code of Practice.

The Forum considered the proposed priority area for Nower Hill School, and expressed concern about the impact of designating specific locations within Harrow as priority areas.

The Forum discussed potential measures that could alleviate pressure felt by the Admission Service surrounding parental medical claims. Members of the Forum suggested drawing comparisons with neighbouring boroughs, and approaching medical professionals for independent medical advice.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet be requested to consider the following:

1. Priority area for Nower Hill School:

That the situation be monitored by Officers over the forthcoming academic year and report back to HAF.

2. Assessing Parental Medical claims:

That a review group be set up comprising of Education officers, Councillor Husain Akhtar and Mrs Samuels, Jewish School Representative, to investigate the process for assessing parental medical claims.

3. Infant to Junior Transfer Scheme be amended to read:

To note that the proposed scheme varies from the 2011/12 scheme in that it has been amended to be fully in line with the Admissions Code of Practice and the Pan-London timetable.

That children attending all through primary schools move automatically from year 2 to Year 3. Parents wishing to apply for Year 3 places other than in separate junior schools (ie all through primary schools) be treated as in-year applicants.

4. Medical Criteria:

That Medical claims will only be considered for one school and this should be named by the consultant.

5. Home to School Measurement:

That the centre point of the school site would now be used as the reference point to calculate the distance from the home to the school.

6. Bullet point three of the Fair Access Protocol (Part G) be amended to read:

That wherever possible, and if specifically requested by the parent/carer, children be allocated a school of their faith. This is subject to a Supplementary Information Form being submitted to the school providing relevant supporting information and where the school agrees the child meets the faith criterion.

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Background Papers:

Report considered by the Harrow Admissions Forum on 20 October 2010