

Report to	Councillor Huw Hilditch-Roberts, Lead Member for Education
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Title	School Admission Arrangements for 2022-2023

1. What is the report about?

The admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools in Denbighshire, for the 2022/2023 academic year.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

A decision is required to determine the School Admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools in Denbighshire, for the 2022/23 academic year.

3. What are the Recommendations?

To determine the following School Admission arrangements shown in:

[Appendix 1] Denbighshire's School Admissions Policy for Academic Year 2022/2023

[Appendix 2] Denbighshire's School Admission Numbers from September 2022

[Appendix 3] Well-being Impact Assessment

4. Report details

All Admissions Authorities in Wales are required to determine their admission arrangements for the schools in their area. The Local Authority is the Admission Authority for all the Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools in Denbighshire. This is determined on an annual basis, and must be completed by 15th April of the determination year. The determination year is the academic year commencing 2 years before the academic year in which the pupil will be admitted to the new school.

The determination year begins on 1 September 2020 for admission arrangements referring to the 2022-2023 academic year.

For admission in September 2022, arrangements must be determined by 15th April 2021.

Further to the statutory consultation there was one admission number correction which was raised due to an error. This has now been rectified in the finalised document shown in Appendix 2 - Denbighshire's School Admission Numbers.

All Admissions arrangements are very similar to those of the previous year with no major changes.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

The admissions procedure will help to ensure that the priority '*Younger people want to live and work in Denbighshire, and have the skills to do so*'. The admissions procedure is essential in ensuring that we admit pupils to the right number of school places and in the right location.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

There are no extra incurred costs resulting from these arrangements

7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

The completed Well-being Impact Assessment report can be downloaded from the website and is attached as an appendix to this report. Please note that the Admissions Process is controlled by the Welsh Government's legislative framework.

8. Chief Finance Officer Statement

The School Admission Arrangements sets out the framework for the fair, legal and affordable allocation of school places in accordance with the wishes of the parents for the 2022-23 academic year. Individual School Budgets for each year are calculated using a formula agreed with Schools. This formula ensures that each School receives the appropriate budget for the number of pupils in attendance.

9. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

If the recommendations in this report are not agreed, the Authority risks breaching Regulation 4 of the Education (Determination of Admission Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2006, within Section 89 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

10. Power to make the decision

In accordance with powers delegated to the Cabinet portfolio holder as per Appendix 2(b) to Section 13 of the Council's Constitution