

Warwickshire County Council **Consultation for 2023/2024 School Admissions**

(including the coordinated admissions scheme for children due to start school in Reception, children due to transfer from Year 2 at an infant school, and children due to start Year 7 in a secondary school, in September 2023)

Consultation and coordination

Warwickshire County Council is required to operate a coordinated admissions scheme. This allows Warwickshire residents to make a single application for places at their preferred school(s) and receive a single offer of a school place, whether or not this is one of their preference schools.

Warwickshire County Council is undertaking a consultation relating to our admission arrangements for the 2023/24 academic year. As required by the School Admissions Code (2021), admission authorities must consult on their proposed admissions arrangements for 2023 entry between 01 October 2021 and 31 January 2022. Consultation for 2023 entry must last for a minimum of six weeks.

The consultation period for Warwickshire County Council's proposed admission arrangements for 2023 entry, and in-year admissions for the 2023/24 academic year, will therefore operate between:

9am on Monday 22 November 2021
until

5pm on Friday 14 January 2022

Copies of the proposed Admissions Arrangements are available online here:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/schools/2023-entry-school-admission-arrangements>

or by contacting Bern Timings, Education Capital, Sufficiency, and Admissions Lead Commissioner, using the contact details below.

Please note that there are other important dates stated in the School Admissions Code regarding the consultation process, which must be complied with. While some of these dates are referenced in the proposed admission arrangements, the full version of the Code can be found using the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1001050/School_admissions_code_2021.pdf

Where changes are proposed, admission authorities **must** consult with the following:

- a) parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen,
- b) other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions,
- c) all other admission authorities within the relevant area (except that primary schools need not consult secondary schools),

- d) any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority; and
- e) in the case of schools designated with a religious character, the body or person representing the religion or religious denomination.

In-Year admissions

While there is no longer a requirement for local authorities to co-ordinate in-year admissions, we are proposing that Warwickshire's School Admissions Service continue to receive these applications for the 2023/24 academic year. This will apply to all Warwickshire Schools where the local authority is the admission authority but we would also encourage own admission authority schools to adopt such an approach. When the local authority co-ordinates in-year admissions, parents are able to make a single application for a school place and it makes it far easier for the local authority to track vulnerable groups of children.

Determination

Following the consultation period, the arrangements will then be considered by Cabinet, before being determined by the deadline of 28 February 2022 (as required by the School Admissions Code).

Once the arrangements have been determined, Warwickshire County Council will publish the final version of its 2023 entry coordinated scheme, the relevant over-subscription criteria for this entry year, and the 2023/24 in-year arrangements, as well as the admission arrangements for schools who are their own admission authority, on the WCC website, by the deadline of 15 March 2022.

Comments and Feedback

Any comments or feedback on Warwickshire County Council's proposed admission arrangements for September 2023 entry, and the 2023/24 academic year, should be sent, in writing, for the attention of:

Bern Timings
Education Capital, Sufficiency, and Admissions Lead
Commissioner

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