

To whom it may concern

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Dear Colleague

### **SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS CONSULTATION 2017/18**

In accordance with Regulations, the Council wishes to consult you regarding its proposed co-ordinated admission arrangements and admissions criteria for community schools for the 2017/18 school year. Please find attached proposed co-ordinated admission arrangements for Middlesbrough Council for 2017/18.

The Admissions Scheme applies to all schools within Middlesbrough and gives details of the admissions procedures and timetables. There are no changes to the scheme from previous years with the exception of date changes.

The Proposed Admissions Arrangements and Proposed Admission Numbers documents give details of the oversubscription criteria and admission numbers for the community primary and secondary schools in Middlesbrough. (Own Admission Authority Schools will have their own policies).

There is a proposed change to the community primary and secondary schools policy, however these affect primary schools only as detailed below.

#### **1. Change to Published Admission Numbers.**

- Park End Primary has a proposed increase in admission number from 60 to 66 to bring the number in line with the latest net capacity assessment of the school.
- Pallister Park Primary has a proposed increase in admission number from 60 to 75 due to building works increasing the net capacity of the school.

Please see Proposed Admissions Numbers document for full details.

Also please note that as last year, it is proposed that admission numbers will apply to the relevant intake year only and will remain the same for that relevant year group throughout the progression of the year group through the school.

Changes to the Admissions Code in December 2014 included information about children being able to defer their child's reception place for one year. The Minister of State for Schools, Nick Gibb MP, issued a letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 setting out the Government's approach to deferred entry for summer born children and proposing further changes to the Admissions Code, following consultation. This in turn may lead to changes to the Admissions Arrangements. The Authorities

current procedure for Admission of Children Outside their Normal Age Group 'Summer Born Children' is detailed in the Proposed Admission Arrangements.

The In-Year Transfer Scheme process remains unchanged from previous years with the exception that the School Admissions team will now process all mid-year transfers. The 2012 Admissions Code provided that Admission Authorities can change the way mid-year transfer requests from intake year 2013/14 are processed. However it is proposed that Middlesbrough Council continue with the existing arrangements for processing transfers requests for all schools in Middlesbrough to be able to monitor transfers and Children Missing from Education. This is in line with arrangements in our neighbouring Local Authorities.

I would be grateful if you could bring this to the attention of your Governing Body with a view to submitting any comments by 11th January 2016.

Yours sincerely

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