

<h1>BRIEFING</h1>	<b>TO:</b>	Local Admissions Forum
	<b>DATE:</b>	18 June 2026
	<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	Sarah Whitby Head of Service Access to Education CYPS 01709255097
	<b>TITLE:</b>	Admissions, School Organisation and Fair Access Update
<b>1. Background</b>		
<b>1.1</b>	Update of key areas in Access to Education for Local Admission Forum members.	
<b>2. Key Issues</b>		
<b>2.1</b>	<p><b>Admissions</b></p> <p><b>Secondary National Offer Day</b> 92.4% of children received a 1<sup>st</sup> preference offer on National Offer Day 97.7% of children were allocated one of their 3 preferences on National Offer Day</p> <p><b>Primary National Offer Day</b> 94.4% of children received a 1<sup>st</sup> preference offer on National Offer Day 98.5% of children were allocated one of their 3 preferences on National Offer Day</p> <p>Rotherham continues to perform well in relation to National Offer Day, with an overwhelming majority of children being allocated a school of preference. The team always seek to get as many on time applications listing 3 preferences as possible to support in ensuring access to education.</p>	
<b>2.2</b>	<p><b>School Organisation</b></p> <p>RMBC's concerns about the PAN at Anston Park Juniors were accepted and the PAN held at 60 for 2027/28.</p> <p>Swinton Academy determined a reduced PAN of 180 for 2027/28.</p> <p>There are no school expansions currently planned and SCAP 2026 will be used to update and review local forecasts.</p>	
<b>2.3</b>	<p><b>Fair Access</b></p> <p>63 pupils were placed under the Fair Access Protocol in the Spring Term of 2026. This is a reduction on the 106 in Autumn Term. The admissions and Fair Access processes are working effectively in allocating a school place for all children who need one.</p>	

### 3. Key Actions and Timelines

3.1	Late applications for both Primary and secondary continue to be processed, with good sufficiency across the Borough to place children who require this.
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### 4. Recommendations

4.1	Local Admissions Forum note the latest updates.
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