

## **Fair Access Protocol: Summary termly report for Fair Access Panels**

### **1. Context**

- DfE School Admissions Code February 2012 fully effective from September 2013
- Fair Access Protocol consultation approved by Local Admissions Forum 14th March 2013
- Consultation to all Primary and Secondary schools March to April 2013
- Response to Consultation published June 2013
- First Secondary Panel held 8 July 2013, 4 held to November 2013
- First Primary Panel held 17 September 2013, 3 held to November 2013

### **2. In Year Admissions 2012/2013**

- Primary: 2,807 received and 1,251 approved
- Secondary: 891 received and 444 approved

### **3. Fair Access placements (2011-2013)**

- LA Report to Schools Adjudicator academic year **2011-12**: Total number admitted all ages= **19**
- LA Report to Schools Adjudicator academic year **2012- 13**: Total number admitted all ages= **17** (3 from the Secondary July FAP Panel)

### **4. Autumn Term 2013 placements offered under Fair Access:**

#### **Primary**

- 28 Y1/2 exceptions; 6 KS2 exceptions; 2 challenging behaviour –all on roll
- Potentially 19 spare places in the central area (+2 per class of 30)
- Plus 30 Y1/2 new places at Broom Valley. 15 children offered places and 4 on roll; 10 declined Broom Valley but have been allocated other places, have left or are staying on roll at current school, 1 child remains out of school (Broom Valley too far).

#### **Secondary:**

- 4 challenging behaviour: all on roll
- 27 Y11 discussed: 12 on roll

## **5. Spring term 4th February Panel agendas**

Primary (not in school – applications since October)

- 9 Y1 and 1 Y2 in the Eastwood area
- 3 Y1, 2 Y2, 2 Y3 and 1 Y5 in the Masborough area

Secondary

- 4 PX
- 9 new Y11 plus updates on outstanding Y11

## **6. Issues of concern raised over the Autumn term:**

- Children out of school
- Siblings split across different schools and some in, some out
- Parents refusing to walk reasonable distances
- Repeat applications
- 46 x Y11 applications received since June 2013: majority new Arrivals
- No agreed protocol in place (decision making; on roll; FE links; funding January exam registration etc.)
- Timescales for processing applications: LA and schools
- Objections not referenced to the Admissions Code
- Limited choice of schools within reasonable distance
- Acceptance of decisions on placement (LA or Panel)
- Terms of Reference amended to strengthen mandate of representatives
- Panel preparation is time-consuming due to extent of mobility in KS1