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**Schools Programme
Record of Virtual Drop in Session
School Admission Arrangements 2023/24 Consultation
06 December 2021 09:30**



Present: Jo Phillips (JP), Ian Warburton (IW), One parent

Please note: The following is not a transcript but a contemporaneous note of the meeting

Q – Agree with the principle that some pupils could, under the current arrangements, be monopolising multiple places to the detriment of other pupils, either unplaced or being offered a lower preference than necessary. The following concerns regarding the proposed change to co-ordinated admissions were expressed:

- **It was only at the school induction meeting that sufficient information was made available to parents for them to make an informed choice.**
- **Families coming into Cardiff from out of the country would be less aware of the school application process.**

JP – The concerns will be noted. Sufficient information should be made available by schools to parents before applications are made.

Q – Multiple applications could be allowed but withdrawing allocations within a set period if the respective admission authorities were not contacted and the place accepted.

IW – The School Admissions Code only allows the withdrawal of a place, once allocated, under exceptional circumstances. The Council does not consider a routine practice of withdrawing places, as a matter of procedure, an exceptional circumstance. Therefore, it is not in compliance with the School Admissions Code.

The parent was thanked for their input.

There were no further questions and the session ended.



**Schools Programme
Record of Virtual Drop in Session
Admissions consultation
06 December 2021 11:30**



Present: Jo Phillips (RP), Rosalie Phillips (RP), Two parents

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Q – Have gone through the available information and want to query why, when Voluntary Aided (VA) schools would continue to make decisions regarding admissions, the change has been proposed?

JP – At the moment the system allows for people to make multiple applications and to hold multiple places, e.g., faith and community places. Under the new system there would be only one offer. VA schools would continue to set their own criteria for admissions.

Q – When would a decision be made?

JP – Admission arrangements for the 2023/24 academic year have to be agreed by 15 April 2022. The Council Cabinet will consider a report on this in March 2022.

Q – Would there be any impact on pre-school applications?

JP – No, these would continue to operate on the same basis as now.

There were no further questions and the session ended.



**Schools Programme
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Admissions consultation
09 December 2021 09:30**



Present: Jo Phillips (RP), Rosalie Phillips (RP), One parent

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Q – What are the proposed changes?

JP – Outlined details of the proposed changes. Looking to streamline places and allow for schools to know which children to expect.

Q – What is happening with the new Willows High School?

RP – Outlined details of the project.

There were no further questions and the session ended.



**Schools Programme
Record of Virtual Drop in Session
Admissions consultation
10 December 2021 11:00**



Present: Jo Phillips (RP), Ceri Tanti (RP), One parent

Please note: The following is not a transcript but a contemporaneous note of the meeting

Q – Asked for overview of consultation.

JP – Outlined details of the proposed changes.

Q – Looking to apply for a faith school with the local community school as second choice. How would applications change?

JP – Explained that if the proposal goes ahead, and the faith school they want to apply for decides to be part of the arrangements, then they would apply for both schools on the same application form. They would then receive only one offer of a place if they are eligible for a place at one or more of the schools.

Q – Would you get a lower preference place if you applied for more schools, to fill up that school?

JP – Explained how allocations work. You would be offered your highest preference possible.

There were no further questions and the session ended.



**Schools Programme
Record of Virtual Drop in Session
Admissions consultation
13 December 2021 12:00**



Present: Jo Phillips (RP), Ceri Tanti (RP), One parent

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Q – Daughter will be starting nursery in September 2022, would like more details about school admissions for September 2023.

JP – Explained that there are two types of schools - community schools, which you would apply to the council for, and faith schools, which are applied for directly to the school. A family would only be offered one community place, but could also be offered multiple faith school places.

Q - How do we find out the catchment area for our local community school?

JP - Offered to send through the link to iShare.

JP – Advised that the application for primary school can be made between November and January. It is important to make the application before the deadline in January to give you the best chance of getting your first choice.

Q - When do we apply for a nursery place?

JP - We can send you information on this.

Q - Is there an email address to contact if help needed?

JP - There is an email address for School Admissions.

There were no further questions and the session ended.