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To: All Cumbrian Head Teachers and Governing Bodies

2024-25 Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools and Co-Ordinated Admissions Scheme for all Maintained Schools and Academies in Cumbria

The county council is the statutory admission authority for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Cumbria. The Local Authority (LA) is required to consult other admission authorities on any changes to the admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools, including catchment areas and proposed reductions to published admission numbers (PANs). You can find a copy of the county council's proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for 2024-25

The consultation is available from today, 5 October 2022, it will last for 6 weeks and will close on 15 November 2022. If you have any comments on the arrangements, please click on the link below.

<https://cumbria.citizenspace.com/cumbria-county-council/consultation-school-admission-2024-25>

Proposed Policy for Admission Arrangement to Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2024-2025

The proposed admission arrangements to community and voluntary controlled schools.

Note that this consultation relates to the policy on admissions to school in September 2024, at which point Cumbria County Council will have been abolished. The new unitary authorities will subsequently need to establish their own admissions and home to school transport policies.

I would be grateful if you could also bring this consultation to the attention of your governing body and to parents through any regular school communication such as a periodic newsletter.

Academies, Voluntary Aided, Foundation and Free Schools

Academies, Voluntary Aided, Foundation and Free Schools may also need to consult where they are proposing to change their admission arrangements; please refer to the School Admissions Code, paragraph 1.45 – 1.53, 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 you are required to consult on any proposed change to your policy, you should forward a copy to the county council at the school admissions e-mail address at school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk as soon as possible. Any consultation should last for a minimum of six weeks and should take place between 1 October 2022 and 31 January 2023. The Admissions Code also stipulates that admission authorities **must** send a copy of their full, determined admission arrangements to the Local Authority as soon as possible before 15 March 2023.

I will shortly be writing in more detail to all Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Free schools and Academies about admission policies for 2024-25. A further reminder letter will be sent out before the end of the autumn term but please note that you should forward a copy of your 2024-25 admission arrangements to the above e-mail address by Monday 28 February 2023 in order that we can fulfil our statutory duty to publish them on our website.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely



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