



Office of the
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LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT
TO
THE SCHOOLS ADJUDICATOR
FROM
Isle of Wight Local Authority

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Introduction

1. Section 88P of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 requires Local Authorities to make an annual report to the adjudicator.
2. The School Admissions Code (the Code) at paragraph 6 sets out the requirements for reports by local authorities. Paragraph 3.23 specifies what must be included in the report to the adjudicator and makes provision for the local authority to include any other local issues.
3. The remit letter from the Secretary of State for Education to the Chief Schools Adjudicator also makes reference to additional matters on which he wishes to have a report included in the Chief Adjudicator's annual report. Rather than undertake a separate exercise in which information is sought from local authorities, you are asked to include any relevant information in your report to the adjudicator.

For ease of reference the legislation is given below.

Legal References

“88P Reports by local authorities to adjudicator

(1) A local authority in England must make such reports to the adjudicator about such matters connected with relevant school admissions as may be required by the code for school admissions.

(2) In subsection (1) ‘relevant school admissions’, in relation to a local authority, means:

- (a) the admission of pupils to relevant schools in the authority’s area;*
- (b) the admission of pupils in the authority’s area to other relevant schools;*
- (c) the entry to the sixth form of pupils who have been admitted to relevant schools in the authority’s area; and*
- (d) the entry to the sixth form of pupils in the authority’s area who have been admitted to other relevant schools.*

(3) In this section, “relevant school” means--

- (a) a maintained school,*
- (b) an Academy,*
- (c) a city technology college, or*
- (d) a city technology of the arts.”*

“Section 88Q Reports under section 88P: provision of information

(1) A relevant person must, on request, provide a local authority in England with such information as the authority may reasonably require for the purpose of enabling the authority to fulfil their duties

under section 88P.

(2) In subsection (1), “relevant person”, in relation to a local authority, means-

- (a) an admission authority (other than the local authority) for a maintained school in the area of the local authority;*
- (b) -----*
- (c) any member of an appeal panel constituted under section 94 by-*

- (i) the local authority, or*
- (ii) the governing body of a foundation or voluntary aided school in the area of the local authority;*
- (d) the proprietor of-*

- (i) an Academy,*
- (ii) a city technology college, or*
- (iii) a city college for the technology of the arts,*

in the area of the local authority;

- (e) any other local authority in England;*
- (f) other person as may be prescribed.”*

Completing the Template

This template is designed to be completed electronically - boxes will expand as necessary.

Throughout this report, please include middle deemed primary schools as for pupils up to age 11 and middle deemed secondary schools as for pupils over 11.

Where type of school is given, foundation covers foundation schools and foundation schools with a foundation (trust schools).

Admission Arrangements for Admissions in September 2012

Please provide details of how the admission arrangements for schools in your local authority serves the interests of the groups of children listed below. Please include details of any problems that have arisen while allocating places for admissions in September 2012. (the Code paragraph 3.23 a refers)

Looked after Children: Children who are in the care of the local authority are oversubscription criterion number 1 in the admissions policies for all Isle of
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Wight schools.

Previously looked after children Giving priority to previously looked after children was not a requirement for admission arrangements for admissions in September 2012. However, if you have any evidence about the admission of such children please include details here:

Previously looked after children were not identified during the 2012 admissions process.

Children with disabilities: Pupils with a specific medical condition, confirmed by a consultant paediatrician or similar, which makes a particular school the most appropriate, providing evidence is provided which confirms that attendance at a particular school is essential and the difficulties that would be caused if the child were to attend another school, forms oversubscription criteria number 2 in the admissions policies for all Island schools.

Children who have special educational needs: Pupils with Special Educational Needs who have a particular school named in their statement must be admitted to that school.

Fair Access Protocol

The Code at paragraph 3.9 requires each local authority to have a Fair Access Protocol agreed with the majority of schools in its area. Paragraph 3.11 of the Code requires that all admission authorities must participate in the Fair Access Protocol.

- a) Please confirm that your local authority has a Fair Access Protocol that has been agreed with the majority of schools in your area.

Tick as appropriate: Yes No

If **NO**, please explain: The Isle of Wight has recently completed a major school reorganisation, moving from a three tier system to a two tier system. This meant that a number of schools closed and some new schools opened. Five of the six secondary schools on the Island were let by competition as part of the reorganisation with the result that 3 are now foundation trust schools, two are academies and the sixth school is a Voluntary Aided school. The Fair Access Protocol has been re-written and the authority is currently consulting with schools to gain approval for the Protocol. This will be in place by September 2012. However, the authority and its schools have been working with the draft protocol which is expected to be formally agreed by school on

6th July

b) Although a majority of schools, and perhaps all, will have agreed the Fair Access Protocol, some may not have done so, please state how many schools have not agreed the Fair Access Protocol.

Type of School	Number of schools that have not agreed Fair Access Protocol	
	Schools for pupils up to age 11	Schools for pupils over age 11
Community	22	0
Voluntary Controlled	8	0
Voluntary Aided	9	1
Foundation	1	3
Academy	1	2

c) Please give your assessment of how well the Fair Access Protocol has worked in the academic year 2011/12 in placing children without a school place in schools in a timely manner. Include details of any specific problems that have been encountered in applying the protocol.

Please see above, at the start of the reorganisation, all of the new providers of secondary education stated that they would cooperate with the Fair Access Protocol and the finer detail contained in the Protocol is currently being consulted on although the authority and its schools have been working to the draft protocol.

d) How many children have been admitted to each type of school in the area under the protocol? How many children have been refused admission to a school?

Type of School	Number of children admitted		Number of children refused admission	
	Schools for pupils up to age 11	Schools for pupils over age 11	Schools for pupils up to age 11	Schools for pupils over age 11

Community	0	0	0	0
Voluntary Controlled	0	0	0	0
Voluntary Aided	0	0	0	0
Foundation	0	5	0	0
Academy	0	6	0	0

e) Please comment below on the extent to which schools have co-operated in the operation of the protocol.

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f) If children have not been placed in a school through the protocol, have you used the powers of direction to provide a place for a child?

Tick as appropriate: Yes No N/A

g) If **YES**, how many children have been placed and in which type of school as a result of a direction, including a direction via the Secretary of State or after an appeal to the Adjudicator?

Type of School	Number of children placed	
	Schools for pupils up to age 11	Schools for pupils over age 11
Community	0	0
Voluntary Controlled	0	0
Voluntary Aided	0	0
Foundation	0	0
Academy	0	0

Please add any other relevant information you wish to include in this section.

Co-ordination

Please assess the effectiveness of co-ordination of primary and secondary admissions for September 2012 in your local authority.

Primary: The arrangements for co-ordination of Primary Admissions in the

Isle of Wight have ensured that parental preference was achieved for 94% of the 2012-13 intake.

Secondary: The local authority's co-ordination of admissions to secondary schools on the Island ensured that parental preference was achieved for 100% of the 2012-13 intake.

Admission Appeals

Please provide details of the number of lodged and upheld parental appeals for admissions in September 2012.

	Lodged	Upheld
Number of appeals for pupils up to age 11.	34	4
Number of appeals for pupils over age 11.	0	0
Date up to which this information applies.	8 June 2012	8 June 2012

Please note there will be an opportunity to update this data up until 31 August 2012 – the update form is attached as an appendix to this form and provided separately for you to return if you wish at the end of August.

Other Issues

Paragraph 3.23 of the Code requires each local authority to publish a copy of its report locally.

Please indicate where or how a copy of the report can be obtained by a member of the public:

If not yet published please provide details of when and where the report will be published: The report will be published on the Council's web-site; www.iwight.com. Alternatively a hard copy will be made available on request.

Local Authority Issues

Please provide details of any other issues that you would like to raise and comment on that are not already covered in this report.

[Empty box]

Remit Letter from the Secretary of State for Education to the Chief Adjudicator

The Secretary of State has asked that the Chief Adjudicator's annual report includes an assessment of the impact in local areas of having more own admission authorities and any implications for parental choice.

Please give the number of types of Schools in your local authority.

Type of School	Number of schools		
	Number of Schools for pupils up to age 11	Number of Schools for pupils over age 11	Total number of Schools
Community	22	0	22
Voluntary Controlled	8	0	8
Voluntary Aided	9	1	10
Foundation	1	3	4
Academy	1	2	3
Total number of Schools	41	6	47

Does the local authority carry out any investigations into the impact for parents of having many or most or all schools in an area that are their own admission authority?

Tick as appropriate: Yes No

If **YES**, what was the outcome of the investigation:

[Empty box]

If **NO**, are there any plans to monitor the impact for parents of having an increasing number of own admission authority schools:

No

If the admission arrangements of individual schools are all considered to be lawful, is there any difficulty for parents in securing a place at a local school?

Tick as appropriate: Yes No

If **YES**, has the local authority considered what might be done to overcome any difficulties:

[Empty box]

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LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT – Data update 31 August 2012

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In the LA Report that was submitted by 30th June 2012 we confirmed that there would be an opportunity to update some of the data information. Below is the section of the June Report concerning appeals that you may wish to update. Please complete and return by 31 August 2012.

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Number of appeals for pupils up to age 11.		
Number of appeals for pupils over age 11.		
Date up to which this information applies.		

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