

Consultation

2011 School Admission Arrangements for the South of Northampton





Northamptonshire County Council is consulting on the admissions arrangements for schools in the area of the south of Northampton.

The schools directly affected:

Abbeyfield School

**Caroline Chisholm School
(secondary and primary phase)**

**Road School and Sports
College**

Hardingstone Primary School

Preston Hedges Primary School

Road Primary School

Woodland View Primary School

Wootton Primary School

The County Council has carried out a review of the current admissions arrangements which has included the following:

- Current trends in population growth
- Transport
- Parental preferences

It has also looked at the potential impact of new housing development proposed for the Grange Park and Wootton areas and the capacity of all three secondary schools and the linked primary schools to cope with the likely changes in population. Importantly, consideration has also been given to the potential impact on admission arrangements with a view to ensuring that proposals are developed that will protect and improve the quality of education provision in the area and improve outcomes for all children in this part of the county.

The review has been undertaken in order to address longer term planning issues and short term pressures. Current admissions arrangements have created a significant degree of concern in the local area and would not be sustainable in the long term. It will not be possible, for example, in most years from 2011 onwards, to meet the demand for Year 7 places at Caroline Chisholm School from those families living in the current linked area.

The proposed changes are intended to bring greater long term stability and viability to the admissions arrangements for this area of Northamptonshire. It is felt that the proposal will reduce the current instability in pupil numbers, which can impede Headteachers and Governing Bodies in their curriculum and staff planning.

The consultation on the proposed changes will begin on Tuesday 15th December 2010 at noon closing at 5.00pm on Friday 19th February 2010. The outcomes of the consultation will be collated in a report that will be presented to the Northamptonshire Schools Admissions Forum on Wednesday 10th March 2010. The decision of the Forum will be communicated to the Cabinet of the County Council at its meeting in April 2010.

The proposal

- Reducing the linked area for Caroline Chisholm School
- Including Hardingstone within the linked area for Caroline Chisholm School
- Extending the linked area for Roade School to include Grange Park (Woodland View Primary School)
- Aligning, through consistency, all the linked primary schools admissions oversubscription criteria for Caroline Chisholm School
- Moving Wootton Hall Park to align with Abbeyfield School



