

Annual Report

September 2003 to August 2004



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To the Right Honourable Mr Charles Clarke MP,
Secretary of State for Education and Skills.

I have pleasure in presenting my second Annual
Report as Chief Adjudicator of the Office of the
Schools Adjudicator, covering the year from
1 September 2003 to 31 August 2004.

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Introduction

1. This year has been busier than ever for the adjudication service. We have had 270 cases referred to us, following 233 cases last year and 78 in 2001-2002. Moreover, many of the cases have been more complex. There were 51 statutory proposals (35 last year) and many of the admissions cases have involved objections to several oversubscription criteria. A full list of completed cases is shown at annex 5.

2. The issues facing admission forums and School Organisation Committees are often contentious as parental expectations rise and pupil numbers fall. There are signs that some local committees are becoming more expert and confident; others still have some way to go.

Admissions

3. I referred in last year's report to the large number of cases we received where admission authorities had not properly followed the procedures laid down in the regulations. Some local education authorities are now offering to help co-ordinate consultation processes. Many of them have arranged for web sites to be set up so that all that is required of a school admission authority is to send a single e-mail to the LEA in December or January each year explaining any changes that are proposed for the next year and another one later notifying consultees about the decision taken by governors. There is then only a small administrative burden for schools to bear. Nevertheless many of them are still failing to determine their arrangements properly.

4. I am pleased to see that many admission forums are moving past the stage of concentrating on processes and now becoming more engaged in discussions about admission policies. Although adjudicators are not required to follow policies agreed by admission forums, they are now more frequently taking the views of forums into account in their decisions.

5. A general theme from a number of referrals has been the lack of clarity of the oversubscription criteria of many school admission authorities, particularly faith schools. Oversubscription criteria are often so elaborate that it is difficult for parents to find their way through them. It is common for these criteria to refer to "contribution to the work of the Church of ..." or "contribution to the parishes of ...". In practice what most of them mean is that preference will be given to children of parents who can supply a letter of support from the local vicar or parish priest but there is no indication of what is expected to be contained in the letters. Often these criteria have existed for many years unchallenged and are only now coming to the attention of admission forums, LEAs and other schools. It would be helpful if Diocesan and other faith authorities were to give appropriate guidance to schools on these matters.

6. 43 of the referrals included objections to the absence of a reference to children in public care or to failure to accord these children top priority in oversubscription criteria. Adjudicators upheld all of these objections. It is evident from the Code of Practice that Parliament intended children in public care to be given top priority for admission to schools and adjudicators have reflected this in their decisions.

7. Two other messages to emerge are:

26 objections were to the inclusion of a criterion giving preference to children of staff. In most cases adjudicators concluded that it was unfair on local children if preference was given to children of staff who live further away and if some schools should not be given an advantage in recruiting staff through this device when neighbouring schools were not.

15 objections were to the inclusion of an oversubscription criterion referring to the presence of siblings who had left the school or who were on roll at another school. Adjudicators upheld all of these.

8. There were other referrals about changes of catchment area, feeder schools and a variety of other matters. Adjudicators have weighed up the arguments about these cases and done their best to make a fair judgement on the merits of the case. Often the arguments in these cases were finely balanced.

Statutory Proposals

9. Of the 51 cases referred, 31 were approved. The 13 cases where proposals were not approved were mostly where proposers have been caught between the pressures to reduce surplus places and conserve valuable resources; and other pressures, reflected in the statutory guidance, to pay more attention to educational standards and choice. I understand that the Department are aware of this tension and are taking steps to address it.

10. 11 of the cases were about proposals to re-organise special educational provision following guidance from the Department to include in mainstream education more children with special education needs. All of these proposals were approved. Many of them have been hotly contested by parents who are understandably concerned about the provision being offered for their children if a special school is to close. Adjudicators have paid particular attention to this aspect of proposals and have insisted on assurances that suitable alternative provision was available for every child affected.

11. 3 of the referrals were proposals to close schools that were subject to special measures following adverse OFSTED inspections. All of these were approved by adjudicators, having regard to the presumption in the statutory guidance that these schools should close unless there is a very good reason to keep them open.

Admission variations

12. There were 47 referrals seeking in-year variations to determined admission arrangements. As last year, many of these could have been avoided if admission authorities had planned ahead.

Processes

13. We have sent out feedback questionnaires to LEAs, Dioceses, schools and parents so that we could access how satisfied they were with the processes we use in our work. The response rate has been disappointing with only 50% of the questionnaires returned. However, of those returned 92% of our users found the service good or excellent overall. We have changed our processes to address any concerns expressed.

14. We completed 84% of the cases within 6 weeks of receiving the “core information” which we need to make a determination. Users of the adjudication service should note that adjudicators cannot make judgements in the absence of this essential information and they should not expect decisions quickly if they fail to supply it.

Finance

15. A table showing the expenditure of the service is shown at annex 4. The average cost of making a determination last year was £2,359 to be compared with the average cost to the OSA of £19,000 which is the cost of dealing with a case by judicial review.

Staffing Matters

16. Two adjudicators, Louise Kidd and David Newton left the service last year and three new adjudicators, Richard Lindley, Elizabeth Passmore and Alan Parker were appointed. The three new adjudicators were given induction training with a series of introductory sessions and mentored determinations. Six adjudicators attended courses run by the Judicial Studies Board and four briefing sessions were set up. Appraisal interviews were conducted for all adjudicators.

17. Adjudicators continued to be consistently well supported by the office of the schools adjudicator. Despite the increased workload the number of administrative staff in the office has remained the same as last year with five full time and three part time members of staff.

Legal matters

18. Treasury Solicitors continued to give excellent support to adjudicators this year. The possibility of judicial review arose in five cases. In three cases leave to take the cases further was not granted. Of the two cases that went to full review, one determination was quashed and one was partially upheld and partially quashed.

ANNEX 1

Objection to admission arrangements	2003/04	2002/03
Total objections	171	165
Decisions issued	126	139
Decisions outstanding	7	6
Out of Jurisdiction	3	3
Withdrawn	31	17
Secretary of State	4	0
Variations to admission arrangements	2003/04	2002/03
Total referrals	47	33
Decisions issued	38	26
Decisions outstanding	6	2
Out of Jurisdiction	1	2
Withdrawn	2	3
Statutory Proposals	2003/04	2002/03
Total referrals	51	35
Decisions issued	44	30
Decisions outstanding	6	5
Withdrawn	1	0
School Organisation Plans	1	0
Total referrals	270	233

Notes:

ANNEX 2

Admission Arrangements referred to the Adjudicators 2003-2004

OBJECTORS

Objector	Upheld	Partially Upheld	Not Upheld	Total
LEA	60	14	0	74
Admission Authority	12	14	5	31
School				
Community Schools	3	4	5	12
Parent	3	2	4	9
TOTAL	78	34	14	126

SUBSTANCE OF OBJECTIONS

Subject	Upheld	Partially Upheld	Not Upheld	Total
Partial Selection	2	6	12	20
Catchment/Feeder	12	4	1	17
Children of Staff/Siblings of past or present pupils	35	3	3	41
Children in public care	43	0	0	43
Admission Numbers	11	6	0	17
Other Admission Arrangements	47	5	10	62
TOTAL	150	24	26	200

Notes:

1. The totals in these tables do not agree since the first table is a total of the whole objection and table 2 is a breakdown of the substance of the objection - covering more than one area.
2. There were 47 "variations to admission arrangements" not covered by these tables.
3. Some cases referred in July have not been resolved on 5 September.

ANNEX 3

The table below gives a breakdown of all the categories for statutory proposals this year.

Subject of proposal	Approved	Approved with mod	Rejected
To discontinue a school	4	1	6
To establish a new school	0	1	1
To close one school and establish a new school on the same site	1	0	0
To merge schools	6	0	4
To reorganise schools in an area	1	0	0
To reorganise SEN provision	7	4	0
To make a prescribed alteration to a school	2	0	1
To add a nursery	1	0	0
To change status	1	1	1
To transfer education from the annexe to the main site of a school	1	0	0
TOTAL	24	7	13

Note:

Under Schedule 6 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 an adjudicator can (a) reject the proposals referred to him by a school organisation committee (b) approve them without modification (c) approve them with modification (“mod” in the column above).

ANNEX 4

Expenditure

	2003/04	2002/03
Adjudicator programme costs	£,000	£,000
Adjudicators' fees	303 ¹	212 ¹
Adjudicators' expenses	33	30
Adjudicator training/meetings	9	6
Legal fees	89	21
Publicity	32 ²	7 ²
Consultancy fees	3 ³	2 ³
Administration/consumables	5	5
Total	474	283

	2003/04	2002/03
Staff running costs	£,000	£,000
Staff salaries	151	134
Staff expenses	8	7
Staff training	1	2
Administration/consumables	3	6
Total	163	149

Total expenditure	637	432
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Notes:

- 1 Includes National Insurance contributions.
- 2 Relates to COI fees for media handling.
- 3 Relates to website reconfiguration and maintenance.

LEA	Admission Authority	Objector	Substance of Objection	Outcome
Bath & NE Somerset	Oldfield School	Bath & NE Somerset LEA	Objection to increase in admission number	Upheld
Bedfordshire	Ravensden CE VA Lower School	Bedfordshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - (i)children in public care, (ii)SEN issues, (iii)siblings of past or present pupils	(i), (iii)Upheld (ii)Not Upheld
Bedfordshire	St Gregory's Catholic Middle School	Bedfordshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Bedfordshire	Christopher Reeves VA Lower School	Bedfordshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Bedfordshire	Roxton VA Lower School	Bedfordshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Bedfordshire	Manshead VA Upper School	Bedfordshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Bedfordshire	Queensbury Upper School	Bedfordshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Bedfordshire	Sutton VA Lower School	Bedfordshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - SEN issues, children in public care	Upheld
Bedfordshire	Riseley CE VA Lower School	Bedfordshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Bedfordshire	Wilden VA Lower School	Bedfordshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Bradford	Laisterdyke High School	Bradford LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care, siblings of past or present pupils, priority recruitment area	Upheld
Bromley	Langley Park School for Boys	Bromley LEA	Oversubscription criteria - siblings of past or present pupils	Partially Upheld
Bromley	Bishop Justus CE School	Beaverwood School for Girls	Oversubscription criteria - Deaneries	Partially Upheld
Bromley	Bishop Justus CE School	Langley Park School for Boys	Oversubscription criteria - Deaneries	Partially Upheld
Bromley	Bishop Justus CE School	Langley Park School for Girls	Oversubscription criteria - Deaneries	Partially Upheld
Bromley	Hayes Primary School	Bromley LEA	Objection to single point of entry	Upheld
Buckinghamshire	Buckinghamshire LEA (John Hampden Grammar School)	The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe	Oversubscription criteria - catchment area	Not Upheld

LEA	Admission Authority	Objctor	Substance of Objection	Outcome
Buckinghamshire	The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - catchment area, verbal reasoning test scores	Upheld
Buckinghamshire	The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe	Dr Challoner's School	Oversubscription criteria - catchment area, verbal reasoning test scores	Upheld
Buckinghamshire	The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe"	The Gerrards Cross CE School	Oversubscription criteria - catchment area, verbal reasoning test scores	Upheld
Buckinghamshire	The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe"	Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School	Oversubscription criteria - geographic proximity, catchment area	Withdrawn
Calderdale	Rastrick High School	Calderdale LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children of staff Oversubscription criteria - priority	Upheld
Camden	Camden LEA	Brent LEA	recruitment area Oversubscription criteria - priority	Upheld
Camden	Camden LEA	Haringey LEA	recruitment area Oversubscription criteria - priority	Upheld
Camden	Camden LEA	Islington LEA	recruitment area	Upheld
Cheshire	Cheshire LEA	Little Leigh Primary School	Objection to increase in admission number	Upheld
Derby	The Ecclesbourne School	Derby LEA	Oversubscription criteria - (i)children in public care (ii)children of staff (iii)distance (iv) waiting lists	(i) (ii) (iv)Upheld (iii)Not Upheld
Dudley	Kingswinford Foundation School	Dudley LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
E Riding Yorkshire	Beverley Grammar School	East Riding Yorkshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children of staff, children in public care	Upheld
Essex	Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - (i)selection for musical aptitude (ii)proximity to catholic school (iii)supplementary information form	(i) (ii)Upheld (iii) Not Upheld
Essex	The King Edmund School	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - (i)siblings of past or present pupils, (ii)children of staff, (iii)children in public care, (iv)tie breaker, (v)first preference, (vi)VI form admission	(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) Upheld (vi)Not Upheld
Essex	St John Payne Catholic Comprehensive School	Essex LEA	Religion	To Secretary of State
Essex	St Mark's West Essex Catholic School	Essex LEA	Religion	To Secretary of State
Essex	Rochford Primary School	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - tie breaker, children in public care, children who have attended nursery	Upheld

LEA	Admission Authority	Objector	Substance of Objection	Outcome
Essex	Essex LEA	Barnes Farm Junior School	Objection to reduction in admission number	Upheld
Essex	The Billericay School	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - siblings of past or present pupils	Upheld
Essex	Colne Community School	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - First Preference, children in public care	Upheld
Essex	Beauchamps High School	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - First Preference	Upheld
Essex	The Bromfords School	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - First Preference	Upheld
Essex	Greensward College	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children of staff, tie breaker	Upheld
Essex	The King John School	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children of staff, children in public care, schools attendance	Upheld
Essex	Philip Morant School	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care, children in public care, supplementary admission form, parental residence in priority area	Upheld
Essex	The FitzWimarc School	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children of staff, children in public care, tiebreaker, siblings of past or present pupils	Upheld
Essex	Newport Free Grammar School	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children of staff, family links, siblings of past or present pupils	Upheld
Essex	The Deanes School	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - siblings of past or present pupils, children of staff, tie breaker	Upheld
Essex	Thaxted Primary School	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - siblings of past or present pupils, children of staff	Upheld
Essex	Sawyers Hall College of Science and Technology	Essex LEA	Objection to lack of clarity about admission numbers, siblings of past or present pupils, children with statements of SEN, policy on admission to VI Form	Upheld
Essex	St Benedict's College	Essex LEA	Oversubscription criteria - religion	Withdrawn
Hampshire	Cams Hill School	Hampshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children of staff	Upheld
Hampshire	Bay House School	Hampshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Hampshire	Crofton School	Hampshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Haringey	St James CE Primary School	Haringey LEA	Oversubscription criteria - religion	To Secretary of State

LEA	Admission Authority	Objector	Substance of Objection	Outcome
Hertfordshire	Dame Alice Owen School	Greenfields JMI & Nursery School	Objection to partial selection	Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Queens School	Greenfields JMI & Nursery School	Objection to partial selection	Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Dame Alice Owen School	Westfield Community School	Objection to partial selection	Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Queens School	Westfield Community School	Objection to partial selection	Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Watford Grammar School for Boys	Westfield Community School	Objection to partial selection	Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Watford Grammar School for Girls	Westfield Community School	Objection to partial selection	Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Parmiters School	Westfield Community School	Objection to partial selection	Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Watford Grammar School for Girls	Westfield Community School	Objection to partial selection	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	Parmiters School	Westfield Community School	Objection to partial selection	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	Parmiters School	Greenfields JMI & Nursery School	Objection to partial selection	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	Watford Grammar School for Boys	Greenfields JMI & Nursery School	Objection to partial selection	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	Watford Grammar School for Girls	Greenfields JMI & Nursery School	Objection to partial selection	Partially Upheld
Hertfordshire	Watford Grammar School for Boys	Westfield Community School	Objection to partial selection	Partially Upheld
Kent	St Gregory's Catholic Comprehensive School	Kent LEA	Oversubscription criteria - conditionality	Upheld
Kent	Homewood School & VI Form Centre	Kent LEA	Oversubscription criteria - conditionality	Upheld
Kent	Ursuline College	Kent LEA	Oversubscription criteria - conditionality	Upheld
Lancashire	Ciitheroe Royal Grammar School	Blackburn with Darwen LEA	Objection to increase in admission number and catchment area	Withdrawn

LEA	Admission Authority	Objector	Substance of Objection	Outcome
Leeds	Leeds LEA	Stanningley Primary School	Objection to admission number	Upheld
Lewisham	Lewisham Schools	Parents	Objection to banding	Not Upheld
Lewisham	Turnham Primary School	Lewisham LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Lincolnshire	Grantham Harrowby CE Infant School	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - siblings of past or present pupils	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Little Gonerby CE Infant School	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - siblings of past or present pupils	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care, SEN priority	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Holbeach William Stukeley CE Primary School	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - geographic proximity	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Kirby on Bain CE Primary School	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care, geographic proximity, arrangements unclear"	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Nettleham CE VA Junior School	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	The Partney CE Primary School	Lincolnshire LEA	Objection to admission number	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Primary School	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	The Lincoln Mount Street School	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - siblings of past or present pupils	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	The Lincoln Lancaster School	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Nettleham Infant School	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care, SEN priority	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Spalding Primary School	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Wrangle Primary School	Lincolnshire LEA	SEN priority	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	The John Spendluffe School	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Branston Community College	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care, distance, arrangements unclear	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Horncliffe	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn

LEA	Admission Authority	Objector	Substance of Objection	Outcome
Lincolnshire	The Priory LSST	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	King Edward VI Grammar School, Louth	Lincolnshire LEA	clarity of admission process	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	North Kesteven School	Lincolnshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care, geographic proximity, arrangements unclear	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	The Sir William Robertson High School, Welbourn	Lincolnshire LEA	clarity of admission process	Withdrawn
Luton	Ashcroft High School	Luton LEA	Oversubscription criteria - (i)children in public care, (ii)siblings of past or present pupils, (iii)sen, (iv)tie breaker, (v)clarity of preference methodology	(i), (ii), (iv), (v) Upheld (iii)Not Upheld
Luton	St Martin de Porres Primary School	Luton LEA	Oversubscription criteria - (i)nursery unit, (ii)tiebreaker	(i)Upheld (ii)Not Upheld
Luton	Wenlock Junior School	Luton LEA	Oversubscription criteria - (i)children in public care, (ii)children of staff, (iii)distance, (iv)clarity of preference methodology	(i), (ii), (iv) Upheld (iii)Not Upheld
Luton	St Joseph's RC Infant School	Luton LEA	Oversubscription criteria - (i)children in public care, (ii)clarity of arrangements, (iii)tiebreaker, (iv)children of staff (v) nursery unit	(i),(ii), (v) Upheld (iii),(iv) Partially Upheld
Luton	Icknield High School	Luton LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children of staff, clarity of preference methodology	Partially Upheld
Luton	St Margaret of Scotland RC VA Infant School	Luton LEA	Oversubscription criteria - tie breaker	Upheld
Milton Keynes	Portfields School	Milton Keynes LEA	Objection to more than one point of entry	Upheld
Milton Keynes	Germander Park First School	Milton Keynes LEA	Objection to more than one point of entry	Upheld
N E Lincolnshire	N E Lincolnshire	Tollbar BEC	Objection to decrease in admission number	Upheld
Norfolk	Norfolk LEA	John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School	Objection to admission number	Upheld
Norfolk	Norfolk LEA	Parents	Objection to admission number	Upheld
Northamptonshire	Isham CE VA Primary School	Northamptonshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld

LEA	Admission Authority	Objector	Substance of Objection	Outcome
Northamptonshire	Moulton Primary School	Northamptonshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care and reserved places	Upheld
Northamptonshire	Woodnewton Junior School	Northamptonshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children of staff	Upheld
Northamptonshire	Sir Christopher Hatton School	Northamptonshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children of staff	Upheld
Nottinghamshire	Nottingham Bluecoat School	Mellers Primary & Nursery School	(i) Basis of Selection, (ii) Selection tests amounts to tests of ability rather than aptitude	(i) Upheld (ii) Not Upheld
Nottinghamshire	Archbishop Cranmer School	Bingham Robert Miles Infant School	Objection to point of entry	Not Upheld
Nottinghamshire	Nottingham Emanuel School	Mellers Primary & Nursery School	Religion	To Secretary of State
Oxfordshire	The Batt C of E VA Primary School	St Mary's C of E Infant School	Objection to the admission number	Upheld
Peterborough	Arthur Mellows Village College	Peterborough LEA	Oversubscription criteria - (i) children of staff, (ii) children in public care	(i) Not Upheld (ii) Upheld
Peterborough	The King's School	Peterborough LEA	Oversubscription criteria - (i) children of staff, (ii) children in public care, (iii) timing of selection tests	(i) Not Upheld (ii), (iii) Upheld
Peterborough	All Saints CE (Aided) Junior School	Peterborough LEA	Oversubscription criteria - (i) children in public care (ii) clarity of arrangements	(i) Upheld (ii) Partially Upheld
Peterborough	Arthur Mellows Village College	Bretton Woods Community School	Oversubscription criteria - (i) children in public care, (ii) children of staff	(i) Upheld (ii) Not Upheld
Peterborough	Jack Hunt School	Peterborough LEA	Oversubscription criteria - (i) children of staff (ii) siblings of past or present pupils (iii) children in public care (iv) distance	(i), (iii) Upheld (ii) Upheld-modified (iv) Not Upheld
Peterborough	The King's School	Bretton Woods Community School	Oversubscription criteria - (i) children in public care, (ii) children of staff (iii) timing of selection tests	Out of jurisdiction
Peterborough	Jack Hunt School	Bretton Woods Community School	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care, siblings of past or present pupils"	Upheld

LEA	Admission Authority	Objector	Substance of Objection	Outcome
Peterborough	Deacon's School	Bretton Woods Community School	Objection to admission arrangements - children of staff, right to reserve places	Upheld
Peterborough	St John Fisher School	Bretton Woods Community School	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care, arrangements unclear	Upheld
Peterborough	Stanground College	Peterborough LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children of staff	Upheld
Peterborough	Deacon's School	Peterborough LEA	Oversubscription criteria - aptitude testing, children of staff, right to reserve places	Upheld
Peterborough	St John Fisher School	Peterborough LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Peterborough	Sacred Heart RC Primary School	Peterborough LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Sheffield	Eccleshall CE Junior School	Clifford CE Infant School	Oversubscription criteria - feeder schools	Partially Upheld
Sunderland	Sunderland LEA	Biddick Primary School	Objection to reduction in admission number	Withdrawn
Swindon	Swindon LEA	Parents	Objection to admission number lower than net capacity	Out of jurisdiction
Swindon	Swindon LEA	Parents	Objection to admission number lower than net capacity	Upheld
Wandsworth	Graveney School	Parents	Objection to partial selection by ability	Not Upheld
Wandsworth	Burntwood School	Parents	Objection to partial selection by ability	Not Upheld
Wandsworth	Graveney School	Parents	Objection to partial selection by ability	Not Upheld
Wandsworth	Chestnut Grove School	Elliott School	Objection to partial selection	Not Upheld
Wandsworth	Graveney School	Parents	SEN issues	Partially Upheld
Wandsworth	Burntwood School	Parents	SEN issues	Partially Upheld
Wandsworth	Burntwood School	Elliott School	Oversubscription criteria -children in public care	Withdrawn
Wandsworth	Graveney School	Elliott School	Oversubscription criteria -children in public care	Withdrawn
Wandsworth	St Cecilia's School	Elliott School	Oversubscription criteria -children in public care	Withdrawn
Warwickshire	King Edward VI School	Stratford upon Avon High School	(i)Objection to increased admission number, (ii)admitting girls to VI Form	(i)Partially Upheld (ii) Upheld

LEA	Admission Authority	Objector	Substance of Objection	Outcome
Warwickshire	King Edward VI School	Kineton High School	(i)Objection to increased admission number, (ii)admitting girls into VI Form	(i)Partially Upheld (ii)Upheld
Warwickshire	King Edward VI School	Warwickshire LEA	Objection to increased admission number and admitting girls to VI Form	Out of jurisdiction
Warwickshire	King Edward VI School	Alcester High School	Objection to increased admission number	Partially Upheld
Warwickshire	King Edward VI School	Ashlawn School	Objection to increased admission number	Partially Upheld
Warwickshire	King Edward VI School	Henley in Arden High School	Objection to increased admission number	Partially Upheld
Warwickshire	King Edward VI School	Shipston High School	Objection to increased admission number	Partially Upheld
Warwickshire	King Edward VI School	Stratford upon Avon Grammar School for Girls	Objection to admitting girls into VI Form	Upheld
Warwickshire	King Edward VI School	Alcester High School	Objection to admitting girls into VI Form, methodology used	Upheld
Warwickshire	King Edward VI School	Henley in Arden High School	Objection to admitting girls into VI Form, methodology used	Upheld
Warwickshire	King Edward VI School	Kineton High School	Objection to admitting girls into VI Form, methodology used	Upheld
Warwickshire	Warwickshire LEA	Parents	Objection to admission number lower than net capacity	Upheld
Warwickshire	King Edward VI School	Warwickshire LEA	Objection to admitting girls into VI Form, methodology used	Upheld
Warwickshire	Lawrence Sheriff School	Harris C of E High School	Objection to increased admission number	Withdrawn
Wigan	Leigh CE Infant School	Wigan LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Wigan	Leigh St Peter's CE Infant School	Wigan LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld

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Wigan	Holy Family RC Primary School	Wigan LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Wigan	Our Lady's RC Primary School	Wigan LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Wigan	Tyldesley St George's Central CE Primary School	Wigan LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Wigan	St Luke's CE Primary School	Wigan LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Wigan	Leigh St Peter's CE Junior School	Wigan LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Wigan	Standish St Wilfrid's CE Primary School	Wigan LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn
Wigan	The Deanery CE High School	Wigan LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn
Wiltshire	Frogwell Primary School	Wiltshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - siblings of past or present pupils, children of staff	Upheld
Wiltshire	Sheldon School	Wiltshire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - siblings of past or present pupils	Withdrawn
Worcestershire	Hagley RC High School	Worcestershire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - children of staff	Upheld
Worcestershire	Lindridge St Lawrence CE Primary School	Worcestershire LEA	Oversubscription criteria - siblings of past or present pupils	Upheld

LEA	School's involved	Proposed Variation	Outcome
Barnet	Ashmole School	To give consideration to pupils with exceptional social, medical or educational circumstances who are not aged 11	Rejected
Birmingham	Kings Norton High School	To reduce the published admission number	Approved
Birmingham	Topcliffe Primary School	To reduce the published admission number	Approved
Birmingham	Forestdale Primary School	To reduce the published admission number	Approved
Bracknell Forest	All Community and VC Infant, Junior and Primary Schools	To change admission arrangements Priority admission - future siblings	Approved
Bracknell Forest	Ranelagh CE School	To clarify admission arrangements	Approved
Derby	Normanton Village Infant School	To reduce the published admission number	Approved
Hertfordshire	Watford Grammar School for Boys	To change the admission criteria	Approved
Hertfordshire	Watford Grammar School for Girls	To change the admission criteria	Approved
Hertfordshire	Alban Wood Infant & Nursery School & Alban Wood Junior School	To stop casual admissions	Out of jurisdiction
Isle of Wight	Carisbrooke High School	To increase the published admission number	Approved
Isle of Wight	Cowes High School	To increase the published admission number	Approved
Isle of Wight	Ryde High School	To increase the published admission number	Approved
Isle of Wight	Sandown High School	To increase the published admission number	Approved
Kent	Mascalls School	To introduce conditionality in the admission arrangements	Rejected
Leicester	Mellor Primary School	To reduce the published admission number	Approved
Lewisham	Malory School	To reduce the published admission number	Approved
Lincolnshire	Queen Elizabeth Royal Free Grammar School	To increase the published admission number	Approved
Milton Keynes	Hazeley School	To redefine the catchment area	Approved
Milton Keynes	Oakgrove School	To redefine the catchment area	Approved
Oxfordshire	The Hendreds Primary School	To change to a single point of entry	Approved
Oxfordshire	Christopher Rawlins CE VA Primary School	To change to a two point of entry	Rejected
Redbridge	Gearies Junior School, Christchurch Primary School, Newbury Park Primary School"	To reduce the catchment area	Approved
Salford	Community & VA Primary Schools	To reduce the published admission number	Approved with the exception of St Andrews School

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Sandwell	Dartmouth High School	To reduce the published admission number	Approved
Slough	Montem Primary School	To increase the designated catchment area	Approved
Staffordshire	Western Springs Primary School	To reduce the published admission number	Approved
Surrey	Queen Eleanors CE Junior School	To reduce the published admission number	Rejected
Swindon	Abbey Meads Primary School	To clarify admission arrangements	Approved
Swindon	Bridlewood Primary School	To clarify admission arrangements	Approved
Swindon	Catherine Wayte Primary School	To clarify admission arrangements	Approved
Swindon	Haydonleigh Primary School	To clarify admission arrangements	Approved
Swindon	Penhill Primary School	To clarify admission arrangements	Withdrawn
West Berkshire	Kennet School	To increase the admission number	Approved
West Berkshire	Spurcroft Primary School	To increase the admission number	Approved
West Berkshire	Westwood Farm Infant School	To reduce the admission number	Approved
West Berkshire	The Willink School	To increase the admission number	Approved
West Berkshire	Brimpton CE Primary School	To change the admission number	Rejected
West Berkshire	Long Lane Primary School	To change the admission number	Rejected
Wirral	Oxton St Saviours CE Aided Primary School	To reduce the admission number	Withdrawn
Wolverhampton	St Peters Collegiate School	To increase the admission number	Rejected

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Birmingham	Bromford Infant School & Bromford Junior School	To merge Bromford Infant School & Bromford Junior School	Approved
Birmingham	Perry Beeches Infant School & Perry Beeches Junior School	To discontinue Perry Beeches Infant & Junior School & open a new school on the same site	Rejected
Birmingham	Blakenhale Infant School & Blakenhale Junior School	To merge Blakenhale Infant School & Blakenhale Junior School	Withdrawn
Bromley	Dorset Road Infant School	To discontinue Dorset Road Infant School	Rejected
Calderdale	Mixenden Primary School	To discontinue Mixenden Primary School	Approved with modification
Croydon	Davidson Infant School & Davidson Junior School	To discontinue Davidson Infant & Junior Schools & open a new Primary School	Approved
Croydon	Broadmead Nursery & Infant School & Broadmead Junior School	To discontinue Broadmead Infant & Junior Schools & open a new Primary School	Rejected
Cumbria	Garth Infant, Harrington Infant & Harrington Junior Schools	To merge Garth Infant, Harrington Infant & Harrington Junior Schools	Approved
Cumbria	Lowick New School	To establish a new school	Rejected
Derby City	High View Community School	To discontinue High View Community School & open a new school on the same site	Approved
Derbyshire	Newton Solney CE Aided Infant School	To extend the age range of Newton Solney CE Aided Infant School	Rejected
Essex	The Leas Special School, the Windsor Special School, Bishops Park College	To discontinue the Leas School & to make prescribed alterations to the Windsor School & Bishop's Park College	Approved
Greenwich	Abbey Wood School & St Paul's Catholic School	To discontinue Abbey Wood & St Paul's subject to SOS agreement to a replacement Academy	Approved
Kensington & Chelsea	Ainsworth Nursery School	To discontinue Ainsworth Nursery School	Rejected
Kensington & Chelsea	Maxilla Nursery School	To discontinue Maxilla Nursery School	Rejected
Kent	Sandwich Technology School	To expand by two forms of entry	Approved
Kent	The Ripple Primary School	To discontinue Ripple Primary School	Rejected
Kingston upon Thames	Southborough School	To change category from Community to VA	Rejected

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Leeds	Bentley Primary School & Carr Manor Primary School, Leeds	To discontinue Bentley Primary School & make a prescribed alteration to Carr Manor Primary School	Approved
Leeds	Asket Hill Primary School	To discontinue Asket Hill Primary	Rejected
Newcastle	Walbottle Campus, Chapel Park, Throckley Middle, Knop Law, Milecastle, Newburn Manor, Throckley First, Walbottle Village, Westerhope, All Saints College	To reorganise schools in the outer west area of Newcastle	Approved
Northamptonshire	Headlands Primary School	To change the category from Community to Foundation	Approved
Northamptonshire	Our Lady & Pope John Catholic Secondary School	To discontinue Our Lady & Pope John Catholic Secondary School	Approved
Rochdale	St John's C of E Primary School	To change category from VC to VA	Approved with modification
Rochdale	Sunny Brow Nursery School	To discontinue nursery school	Rejected
Rochdale	St Johns CE Primary School, Thornham & Middleton Parish CE Primary School	To discontinue St Johns CE Primary School & enlarge Middleton Parish CE Primary School	Rejected
Sheffield	Lowfield Community Primary School & Abbeydale Primary School	To discontinue Lowfields Infant & Junior Schools, & Abbeydale Nursery, Infant & Junior School, & open a new Community Infant & Junior School	Rejected
Slough	Thames Valley Infant School	To discontinue Thames Valley Infant Community School	Approved
Slough	New Sikh Primary School	To establish a new Sikh VA Primary School	Approved with modification
Southend on Sea	Kingsdown School	To reorganise Special Schools	Approved
Southend on Sea	Lancaster School	To reorganise Special Schools	Approved
Southend on Sea	Priory School	To reorganise Special Schools	Approved
Southend on Sea	The St Christopher School	To reorganise Special Schools	Approved with modification
Southend on Sea	St Nicholas School	To reorganise Special Schools	Approved with modification
Stockport	Springwood Primary School & Romily Primary School	To discontinue Springwood Primary School & enlarge Romily Primary School	Approved
Surrey	St Nicholas CE (Aided) Primary School	To transfer education of 4 - 7 year olds from annexe to main site	Approved

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Swindon	Wroughton Junior School	To remove SEN provision at Wroughton Junior School	Approved
Torbay	Brixham CE Infants School, Eden Park Infant & Nursery School, Eden Park Junior School	To merge Eden Park Infant & Nursery School & Eden Park Junior School & to change the age range of Brixham CE Infants School	Approved
Waltham Forest	Larkwood Primary School	To add a nursery	Approved
Waltham Forest	Joseph Clarke Special School	To make a prescribed alteration	Approved
Wandsworth	John Milton Primary School	To discontinue John Milton Primary School	Approved
Wigan	Tanfield School, Montrose School, Green Hall Primary School, Two Porches School, Brookfield High School	To discontinue 5 special schools & open 3 new community special schools	Approved
Wigan	Mere Oaks School & Hindley Community High School	To discontinue Mere Oaks Special School & open a special unit at Hindley Community High School	Approved with modification
Wirral	St Mary's Catholic College	To increase the admission number	Approved
Worcestershire	The Alexander Patterson Special School	To discontinue the Alexander Patterson Special School	Approved with modification

School Organisation Plan

LEA	Proposal	Outcome
South Gloucestershire	To request approval of draft school organisation plan	Approved

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