

Annual Report

September 2005 to August 2006



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To the Right Honourable Alan Johnson MP,
Secretary of State for Education and Skills.

I have pleasure in presenting my fourth Annual
Report as Chief Adjudicator of the Office of the
Schools Adjudicator, covering the year from 1
September 2005 to 31 August 2006.

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Introduction

1. There has been a significant increase in the number of cases referred to adjudicators this year. From September 2005 to September 2006, 343 referrals were received. In 2003/2004 there were 270 referrals and in 2004/2005 there were 227 referrals. Detailed tables of referrals and determinations are set out in the annexes to this report.

Admissions

2. Of the cases received 245 were objections to admission arrangements. 127 of these were from Local Authorities, often acting on behalf of admission forums. It is evident that many local authorities and admission forums are now reviewing the admission arrangements of all schools in their areas and objecting to those arrangements that seem to them to offend against the Code of Practice. This is to be commended. Adjudicators have upheld 108 out of the 127 objections referred to them so it is clear that reviews of this kind are leading to improvements in the standards of arrangements generally. Local authorities and admission forums should note that it is necessary to support objections with arguments that apply to the particular circumstances of the schools in question.

3. Of the objections to admission arrangements:

- 59 were to the lack of adequate criteria giving priority to children in public care. Regulations requiring admission authorities to give due priority to these children were introduced in February 2006. It was necessary to uphold 57 of the objections. I hope schools will be better informed and aware of their statutory duties by next year.
- 73 were to the use of criteria giving priority to applicants who listed the school as their first preference. Adjudicators upheld 68 of these on the grounds that the use of such criteria is normally confusing to parents in areas where equal preference systems are used for most schools. On occasion, where first preference first is used by a minority of schools in an area, it can appear to act more in the interests of the school than the parents.
- 28 referred to priority being given to children of staff and siblings of former pupils. 18 of these were upheld on the grounds that giving priority to staff children and siblings is unfair to other children who would be displaced as a result. The other 10 were not upheld.
- 6 were about "conditionality". This is where oversubscription criteria contain references to schools other than the one to which the criteria apply - for example, a school might say that the priority of an applicant will be affected if he or she includes a grammar school in the list of preferences. 5 of these cases referred to Roman Catholic schools and because of the religious connotations were referred on to the Secretary of State. All objections to conditionality were upheld because criteria of this kind were seen by adjudicators and the Secretary of State to fetter the freedom of parents in making their choices.

Variation to admission arrangements

4. 60 cases referred were for variations to admission arrangements determined earlier in the year. 34 of these were approved. 8 were not because adjudicators

did not find that there was a sufficiently strong case to agree a variation; or that they did not have jurisdiction to consider a variation in the absence of a major change in circumstances at the school.

Statutory Proposals

5. 38 statutory proposals were referred to adjudicators. Of the 27 that were determined, 16 were school closures or amalgamations, 6 were significant enlargements, 1 was a change of status, 2 were to add nursery/nursery class, 1 to add a sixth form and 1 to discontinue SEN provision. About half of the proposals were approved. This is a rather smaller proportion than in the last few years. Education departments in local authorities have changed to children's services departments and some of them, particularly the smaller ones, seem to have lost the expertise and focus needed to conduct complex school reorganisation exercises. Some authorities are also struggling to reconcile priorities for enhancing quality, increasing choice, achieving value for money and securing community cohesion. In many of the proposals before us, it was not easy to strike a balance between these and other priorities. It demands considerable skill on the part of local authorities to achieve an appropriate balance between these priorities and carry the support of the people consulted.

Staffing matters

6. There are now only eight adjudicators - a reduction from fourteen over the past four years. Three colleagues, Alan Billings, Hilary Nicolle and Peter Neafsey, decided to step aside after serving as adjudicators since the service was established in 1999. All three of them were excellent adjudicators and their contribution to work will be greatly missed. Sadly, Hilary Nicolle, after a career of great distinction, died recently. A newly appointed adjudicator, Elspeth Davies, decided to leave and pursue other interests during the year and David Taylor was appointed. We have managed to deal with the increase in number of cases this year but there is now no flexibility to take on more work without some strengthening. The 2006 Education and Inspections Bill places a number of new functions on schools adjudicators and consideration on whether there should be some additions next year will be needed. We continue to be excellently served by our small team (5.5FE) of administrators and by Treasury Solicitors.

Finance

7. Annex 4 shows details of the expenditure on the service. The average cost of making a determination this year was £1,507 compared to £3,035 last year.

Performance

8. Adjudicators were able to issue 90% of their determinations within 6 weeks of receiving the core information for them. This is an improvement on the figure for last year. We continued to survey the satisfaction of people affected by our work and were pleased to note that 94% of them were satisfied or very satisfied with our performance. We will continue to strive for further improvement but note that many of the people who were dissatisfied were disappointed with the decision taken rather than the manner in which it was taken.

ANNEX 1

Objection to admission arrangements	2005/06	2004/05
Total objections	245	140
Decisions issued	181	108
Decisions outstanding	25	11
Out of Jurisdiction	16	4
Withdrawn	15	6
Secretary of State	8	11

Variation to admission arrangements	2005/06	2004/05
Total referrals	60	58
Decisions issued	40 ²	48
Decisions outstanding	6	7
Out of Jurisdiction	2	1
Withdrawn	12	2

Statutory Proposal	2005/06	2004/05
Total referrals	38	29
Decisions issued	27	22
Decisions outstanding	10	4
Withdrawn	1	3

School Organisation Plans ¹	0	0
Total referrals	343	227

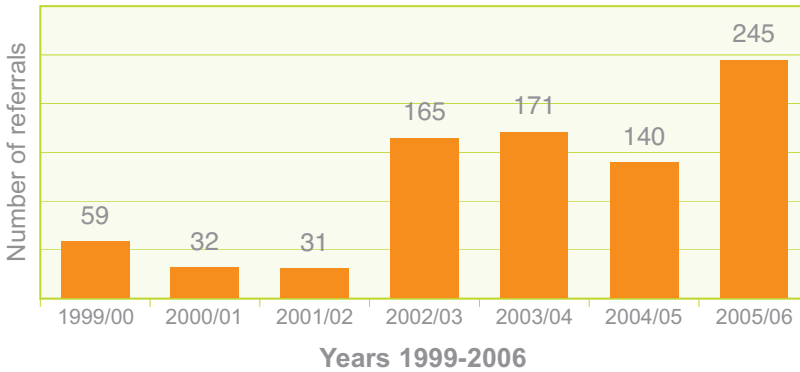
Notes:

1. The requirement on local authorities to publish a School Organisation Plan was repealed on 1 March 2005.

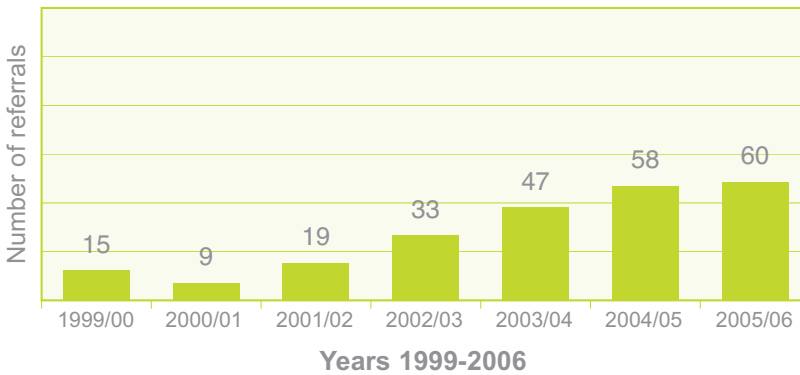
2. 1 decision consisted of three substances of case. Figures shown in paragraph 4 of the report are therefore higher than this total.

TOTAL NUMBER OF REFERRALS 1999-2006

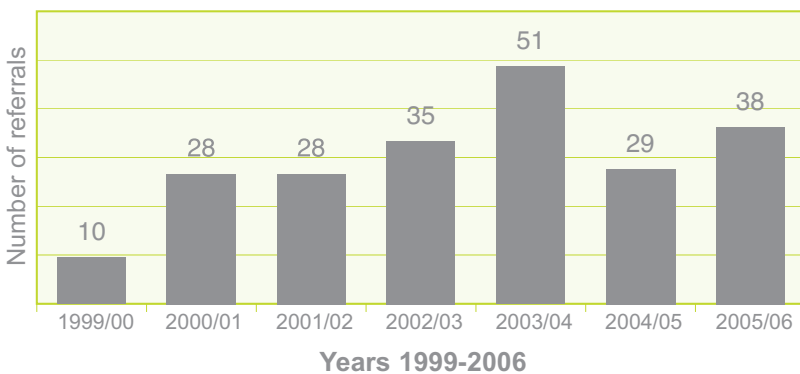
Objection to admission arrangements



Variation to admission arrangements



Statutory proposals



ANNEX 2

Admission Arrangements referred to the Adjudicators 2005/2006

OBJECTORS

Objector	Upheld	Partially Upheld	Not Upheld	Total
LA	108	12	7	127
Admission Authority	18	7	2	27
School				
Community Schools	9	8	7	24
Parent	1	0	2	3
TOTAL	136	27	18	181

SUBSTANCE OF OBJECTIONS

Subject	Upheld	Partially Upheld	Not Upheld	Total
Children in Public Care	57	0	2	59
Children of Staff/ Siblings of past or present pupils	18	0	10	28
Admission Numbers	15	2	7	24
Catchment area/ Distance/ Feeder schools	11	1	7	19
Selection by aptitude	6	0	8	14
First preference first	68	2	3	73
Arrangements unclear	15	1	11	27
Conditionality	6 ⁴	0	0	6
Other	9	0	11	20
TOTAL	205	6	59	270

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 60 "variations to admission arrangements" not covered by these tables.
3. Some cases referred in July have not been resolved on 1 September.
4. This includes 5 that were referred to the Secretary of State.

ANNEX 3

The table below gives a breakdown of all the categories for statutory proposal decisions issued this year.

Subject of proposal	Approved	Conditional approval	Approved with mod	Rejected
To discontinue a school	2	1	0	4
To discontinue a school and expand another	1	0	0	1
To close a school(s) as part of proposed Academy	0	4	0	0
To discontinue one or more schools and establish replacement provision	3	0	0	0
To add a nursery or nursery class	1	0	1	0
To add a sixth form	0	0	0	1
To change category	1	0	0	0
To enlarge a school	0	5*	0	1
To discontinue a resource base	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	8	10	1	8

Notes:

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 or conditions.

* 3 were conditional with modifications.

ANNEX 4

Expenditure April 2005 to March 2006

The financial information derives from the DfES budget management system and relates to the two last full financial years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006. This overlaps with the period of this report but does not coincide with it.

	2005/06	2004/05
Adjudicator programme costs	£,000	£,000
Adjudicators' fees	256 ¹	305 ¹
Adjudicators' expenses	28	31
Adjudicator training/meetings	6	8
Legal fees	48	137
Publicity	21 ²	36 ²
Consultancy fees	0	0
Administration/consumables	3	4
Total	362	521

	2005/06	2004/05
Staff running costs	£,000	£,000
Staff salaries	147	159
Staff expenses	7	7
Staff training	0	0
Administration/consumables	1	2
Total	155	168
Total expenditure	517	689

Notes:

- 1 Includes National Insurance contributions.
- 2 Relates to COI fees for media handling.

LEA	Admission Authority	Objector	Substance of Objection	Outcome
Bedfordshire	Thomas Whitehead VA Lower School	Bedfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Bexley	St Catherine's RC School for Girls	Bexley LA	Oversubscription - first preference first	Out of Jurisdiction
Birmingham	Hall Green School	Lakey Lane Primary School	Oversubscription criteria - feeder schools	Partially Upheld
Blackburn with Darwen	Our Lady & St John Roman Catholic High School	Audley Junior School	Religious issues	Secretary of State
Blackburn with Darwen	St Wilfrids CE High School & Technology College	Audley Junior School	Religious issues	Secretary of State
Blackburn with Darwen	Tauheedul-Islam Girls High School	Audley Junior School	Religious issues	Secretary of State
Brent	Cardinal Hinsley High School	Brent LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Brent	Copland Specialist Science Community School	Brent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Brent	Convent of Jesus & Mary Language College	Brent LA	Oversubscription criteria - (i) first preference first (ii) children in public care	(i) Not Upheld (ii) Upheld
Brent	St Gregorys RC High School	Brent LA	Oversubscription criteria - conditionality	Secretary of State
Bristol City	St Mary Redcliffe & Temple School	Bristol City LA	Oversubscription criteria - members of children of staff, children of Ministers of the Church	Not Upheld
Bromley	Coopers School	Bromley LA	Decrease in admission number	Withdrawn
Buckinghamshire	Weston Turville CE VA Primary School	Broughton Junior School	Oversubscription criteria - catchment area	Upheld
Buckinghamshire	Weston Turville CE VA Primary School	Broughton Community Infant School	Oversubscription criteria - catchment area	Upheld
Cambridgeshire	Comberton Village College	Cambridgeshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
City of Liverpool	City of Liverpool	Bellerive FCJ Catholic College	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Withdrawn
City of Liverpool	City of Liverpool	St Margarets CE High School	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Withdrawn
Croydon	Coloma Convent Girls School	Croydon LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Croydon	Coloma Convent Girls School	Bromley LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Croydon	St Joseph's College	Croydon LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Partially Upheld
Croydon	St Joseph's College	Bromley LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Partially Upheld
Derby City	Chellaston School	Derby City LA	Oversubscription criteria - (i) tie breaker (ii) parental residence in priority area (iii) order of criteria	(i) Part Upheld (ii) Upheld (iii) Not upheld
Devon	Bickleigh Down CE Primary	Devon LA	Oversubscription - tie breaker, definition of terms	Upheld
Devon	St Peter's CE Aided School	Devon LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Dudley	Dudley LA	Mount Pleasant Primary School	Reduction in admission number	Withdrawn
Durham	Durham LA	Frosterley Community Primary School	Reduction in admission number	Partially Upheld
East Riding Yorkshire	Wolfreton School	10 parents	Admission number set lower than net capacity	Out of Jurisdiction
Essex	Sawyers Hall College of Science & Technology	Essex LA	Oversubscription criteria - special educational needs	Upheld
Essex	Colne Community School	Essex LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first, children in public care	Upheld
Essex	Colne Community School	Essex LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld

LEA	Admission Authority	Objector	Substance of Objection	Outcome
Gloucestershire	Chosen Hill school	Gloucestershire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Gloucestershire	Wyedean School	Gloucestershire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Greenwich	St Ursula's Convent School	Lewisham LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Greenwich	St Ursula's Convent School	Bromley LA	Oversubscription criteria - (i) first preference first (ii) children in public care	(i) Upheld (ii) Not Upheld
Greenwich	St Ursula's Convent School	Bexley LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Hampshire	The Burgate School	Hampshire	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care, arrangements unclear	Upheld
Hampshire	Ringwood School	Dorset LA	Increase in admission number	Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Richard Hale School	10 parents	Admission number set lower than net capacity	Upheld
Hertfordshire	Rickmansworth School	St Peters CE VA Primary School	Oversubscription criteria - (i) children of members of staff (ii) geographic proximity (iii) partial selection	(i) Not Upheld (ii) Upheld (iii) Upheld
Hertfordshire	Rickmansworth School	Maple Cross JMI School	Oversubscription criteria - (i) children of members of staff (ii) geographic proximity (iii) partial selection	(i) Not Upheld (ii) Upheld (iii) Upheld
Hertfordshire	Rickmansworth School	Shepherd Primary School	Oversubscription criteria - (i) children of members of staff (ii) geographic proximity (iii) partial selection	(i) Not Upheld (ii) Upheld (iii) Upheld
Hertfordshire	The John Warner School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - social and medical, children in public care	Out of Jurisdiction
Hertfordshire	Little Heath Primary School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Out of Jurisdiction
Hertfordshire	Sir John Lawes School	10 parents	Admission number set lower than net capacity	Not upheld
Hertfordshire	Holy Trinity CE Primary School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Hertfordshire	Northaw CE Primary School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Hertfordshire	St Joseph RC Primary School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Hertfordshire	St Thomas of Canterbury RC Primary School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Hertfordshire	St Cuthbert Mayne RC Junior School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Hertfordshire	St Paul's RC Catholic Primary School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Hertfordshire	St Nicholas CE VA Primary, Harpenden	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Hertfordshire	The Thomas Coram Middle School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Hertfordshire	Tewin Cowper CE Primary School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Hertfordshire	St Nicholas Elstree CE VA Primary School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Hertfordshire	St Marys High School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Hertfordshire	Francis Bacon Maths & Computing College	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Hertfordshire	Loreto College	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Hertfordshire	Hornead CE Primary School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Hertfordshire	St Michael Catholic High School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld

LEA	Admission Authority	Objector	Substance of Objection	Outcome
Herfordshire	Nicholas Breakspear RC School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	St Albert the Great Catholic Primary School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	St Vincent de Paul RC Primary School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	Bishop Wood CE Junior School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	St Rose's Catholic Infant School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	St Johns RC Primary School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	Aston St Mary's CE Aided Primary School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	Watford Grammar School for Boys	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	St Alban & St Stephen RC Junior School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	St Mary's CE Primary School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	Holy Rood Catholic Primary School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	St Andrew's CE VA Primary, Hitchin	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Not Upheld
Herfordshire	St Andrews CE Primary & Nursery School, Much Haddam	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	North Mymms St Mary's CE Primary School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	St Peter's CE VA Primary School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	Townsend CE School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	St Michael's Woolmer Green Primary School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	Brookmans Park School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	Cuffley School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	Cockenhoe Endowed CE Primary School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	St Clements CE Junior School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	Parmiter's School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	Puller Memorial CE Primary School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	All Saints CE Primary School, Datchworth	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	Watford Grammar School for Girls	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Withdrawn
Herfordshire	St Catherine of Siena JMI School	Herfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Herfordshire	The Leventhorpe School	Essex LA	Oversubscription criteria - (i) children of members of staff (ii) use of own form (iii) first preference first	(i) Upheld (ii) Not Upheld (iii) Upheld

LEA	Admission Authority	Objector	Substance of Objection	Outcome
Hertfordshire	St Mary's Catholic School	The Leventhorpe School	Oversubscription criteria (i) children of members of staff (ii) conditionality	(i) Upheld (ii) Secretary of State
Hertfordshire	St Mary's Catholic School	Essex LA	Oversubscription criteria - (i) supplementary information form (ii) children in public care (iii) children of members of staff (iv) arrangements unclear	(i) Not upheld (ii) Upheld (iii) Upheld (iv) Upheld (v) Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Yavnah College Hertfordshire LA	Hertfordshire LA Essex LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care Oversubscription criteria - children of members of staff, siblings of past or present pupils, arrangements unclear	Out of Jurisdiction Upheld
Hertfordshire	The Hertfordshire and Essex High School & Science College	Essex LA	Oversubscription criteria - (i) children in public care (ii) siblings of past or present pupils (iii) children of members of staff (iv) arrangements unclear (v) common application form	(i) Upheld (ii) Upheld (iii) Upheld (iv) Not Upheld (v) Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	The Hertfordshire and Essex High School & Science College	The Leventhorpe School	Oversubscription criteria - (i) children of members of staff (ii) clarity of admission process	(i) Upheld (ii) Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Hockerill Anglo-European College	Essex LA	Oversubscription criteria (i) second application form (ii) children in public care (iii) children of members of staff (iv) arrangements unclear (v) tie breaker (vi) appeals process unclear	(i) Upheld (ii) Upheld (iii) Upheld (iv) Upheld (v) Not Upheld (vi) Not Upheld
Hertfordshire	Hertfordshire LA	Saffron Walden County High School	Oversubscription criteria - children of members of staff	Upheld
Hertfordshire	Hockerill Anglo-European College	The Leventhorpe School	Oversubscription criteria - (i) children of members of staff (ii) nature of selection tests (iii) aspects of own form	(i) Upheld (ii) Not Upheld (iii) Upheld
Hertfordshire	The Bishop's Stortford High School	Essex LA	Oversubscription criteria - (i) use of own form (ii) first preference first (iii) siblings of past or present pupils (iv) children of members of staff (v) complexity of arrangements (vi) 10% selection by aptitude (vii) admission number for Y12	(i) Not upheld (ii) Upheld (iii) Upheld (iv) Upheld (v) Not Upheld (vi) Not Upheld (vii) Upheld
Hertfordshire	The Bishop's Stortford High School	The Leventhorpe School	Oversubscription criteria - (i) conditionality (ii) complexity of arrangements (iii) distance (iv) children of members of staff	(i) Upheld (ii) Not Upheld (iii) Upheld (iv) Upheld
Hertfordshire	Little Gaddesden CE VA Primary School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Out of Jurisdiction

LEA	Admission Authority	Objector	Substance of Objection	Outcome
Hertfordshire	St Alban & St Stephen RC Infant and Nursery School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Out of Jurisdiction
Hertfordshire	The Abbey CE VA Primary School, St Albans	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Out of Jurisdiction
Hertfordshire	Saint Mary's Catholic School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Out of Jurisdiction
Hertfordshire	St Clement Danes School	Hertfordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Out of Jurisdiction
Hounslow	Gumley House Convent School	St Lawrence Catholic Primary School	Oversubscription criteria - (i) first preference first (ii) deanery quota (iii) children in public care	(i) Upheld (ii) Not Upheld (iii) Upheld
Hounslow	Gunnersbury Catholic School	St Lawrence Catholic Primary School	Oversubscription criteria - (i) first preference first (ii) children in public care (iii) complexity of the arrangements	(i) Upheld (ii) Upheld (iii) Not Upheld
Hounslow	St Mark's Catholic School	St Lawrence Catholic Primary School	Oversubscription criteria - (i) clarity of the arrangements (ii) first preference first (iii) complexity of the arrangements (iv) use of deanery quota (v) children in public care (vi) siblings of past or present pupils (vii) religious issues	(i) Upheld (ii) Upheld (iii) Upheld (iv) Not Upheld (v) Upheld (vi) Upheld (vii) Secretary of State
Kent	The Canterbury High School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	The Canterbury High School	Simon Langton Girls Grammar School	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Out of Jurisdiction
Kent	The Folkestone School for Girls	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - identified as suitable for Grammar School admission by any other authority	Upheld
Kent	St Gregory's Catholic Comprehensive School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	The Maplesden Noakes School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Hugh Christie Technology College	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Mascalls School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	St John's Catholic Comprehensive School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Wrotham School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	The Hayesbrook School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	St Anselms Catholic School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Pent Valley School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Herne Bay High School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	St Edmund's Catholic School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	St George's CE Foundation School, Broadstairs	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld

LEA	Admission Authority	Objector	Substance of Objection	Outcome
Kent	Ursuline College	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	St George's CE School, Gravesend	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	St Simon Stock Catholic School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Brockhill Park Performing Arts College	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Angley School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Meopham School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Bennett Memorial Diocesan School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	The Malling School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Montgomery School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Homewood School & VI Form Centre	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar school	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	The Charles Dickens School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Hillview School for Girls	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	The Bradbourne School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Southlands School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	The Wildernesse School	Kent LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	St Gregory's Catholic Comprehensive School	Weald of Kent Grammar School for Girls	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Hugh Christie Technology College	Weald of Kent Grammar School for Girls	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Wrotham School	Weald of Kent Grammar School for Girls	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	The Hayesbrook School	Weald of Kent Grammar School for Girls	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School	Weald of Kent Grammar School for Girls	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	The Malling School	Weald of Kent Grammar School for Girls	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Bennett Memorial Diocesan School	Weald of Kent Grammar School for Girls	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Hillview School for Girls	Weald of Kent Grammar School for Girls	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Angley School	Weald of Kent Grammar School for Girls	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Mascalls School	Weald of Kent Grammar School for Girls	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Hillview School for Girls	Weald of Kent Grammar School for Girls	Increase in admission number	Not Upheld

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Kent	The Charles Dickens School	Chatham House Grammar School	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	The Charles Dickens School	Clarendon House Grammar School	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	St George's CE Foundation School, Broadstairs	Clarendon House Grammar School	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Herne Bay High School	Clarendon House Grammar School	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Ursuline College	Clarendon House Grammar School	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	St George's CE Foundation School, Broadstairs	Chatham House Grammar School	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Ursuline College	Chatham House Grammar School	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kent	Sandwich Technology College	Chatham House Grammar School	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kingston upon Thames	Richard Challoner School	Kingston upon Thames LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Kingston upon Thames	The Holy Cross School	Kingston upon Thames LA	Oversubscription criteria - (i) first preference first (ii) conditionality	(i) Upheld (ii) Secretary of State
Lancashire	Bishop Rawstome CE Language College	Lancashire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care, children of members of staff	Upheld
Lancashire	Lancashire LA	Priory High School	Reduction in admission number	Not upheld
Leicestershire	De Lisle Catholic Science College	Leicestershire LA	Oversubscription criteria - children of members of staff	Upheld
Lincolnshire	The John Spendluffe School	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Out of Jurisdiction
Lincolnshire	The Castle Hills Community Arts College	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first, arrangements unclear, distance	Out of Jurisdiction
Lincolnshire	Grantham, The Central School	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first, distance, residence, partner primary schools, banding	Out of Jurisdiction
Lincolnshire	The Saint Peter and Saint Paul Catholic School	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first, tie breaker	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	North Kesteven School	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first, 10% selection by aptitude, arrangements unclear	Out of Jurisdiction
Lincolnshire	Grantham Church CE High School	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - religious definition unclear	Upheld

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Lincolnshire	St George's College of Technology	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Lincolnshire	The Yarborough School	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - arrangements unclear, special educational needs, children in public care, published admission number for Y12	Upheld
Lincolnshire	The Sir William Robertson High School	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - catchment area	Not upheld
Lincolnshire	William Farr CE Comprehensive School	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - published admission number for Y12	Upheld
Lincolnshire	Robert Pattinson School	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - arrangements unclear, 10% selection by aptitude, distance	Upheld
Lincolnshire	The Priory LSST	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - arrangements unclear	Upheld
Lincolnshire	Branston Community College	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - published admission number for Y12, special educational needs, distance	Upheld
Lincolnshire	Skegness Grammar School	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - published admission number for Y12, definition of terms, admission of boarders, residence in area	Upheld
Lincolnshire	The Giles School	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - arrangements unclear for admission to Y12	Upheld
Lincolnshire	Caistor Grammar School	The Priory LSST	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first, arrangements unclear, catchment, defined area, consultation	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Carre's Grammar School	The Priory LSST	Oversubscription criteria - arrangements unclear, first preference first, distance	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Skegness Infant School	The Priory LSST	Oversubscription criteria - arrangements unclear, first preference first	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School	The Priory LSST	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first, arrangements unclear, defined area	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	The Kings School, Grantham	The Priory LSST	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first, arrangements unclear, distance, defined area	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire LA	The Priory LSST	Oversubscription criteria - testing before preference	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Lincoln Christ's Hospital School	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Withdrawn
Lincolnshire	Monk's Dyke Technology College	Lincolnshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Withdrawn
Liverpool	Bellerive FCJ College	Liverpool City LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Not Upheld
Liverpool	St Francis Xaviers College	Liverpool City LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Not Upheld

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Merton	Wimbledon College	Wandsworth LA	Oversubscription criteria - (i) priority recruitment area (ii) first preference first (iii) conditionality	(i) Not upheld (ii) Secretary of State (iii) Secretary of State
NE Lincolnshire	Toll Bar Business and Enterprise College	Humberston School	(i) Increase in admission number (ii) Oversubscription criteria - siblings of past or present pupils	(i) Upheld (ii) Not Upheld
NE Lincolnshire	Toll Bar Business and Enterprise College	The Lindsey School	Increase in admission number	Upheld
NE Lincolnshire	Toll Bar Business and Enterprise College	Matthew Humberstone CE School & Business Enterprise College	(i) Increase in admission number (ii) Oversubscription criteria - siblings of past or present pupils	(i) Upheld (ii) Not Upheld
NE Lincolnshire	Toll Bar Business and Enterprise College	St Mary's Catholic School & Specialist Language and Humanities College	Increase in admission number	Upheld
NE Lincolnshire	Toll Bar Business and Enterprise College	Wintringham School	(i) Increase in admission number (ii) Oversubscription criteria - siblings of past or present pupils	(i) Upheld (ii) Not Upheld
NE Lincolnshire	Toll Bar Business and Enterprise College	Hereford Technology School	(i) Increase in admission number (ii) Oversubscription criteria - siblings of past or present pupils	(i) Upheld (ii) Not Upheld
NE Lincolnshire	Toll Bar Business and Enterprise College	NE Lincolnshire LA	(i) Increase in admission number (ii) Oversubscription criteria - siblings of past or present pupils	(i) Upheld (ii) Not Upheld
North Somerset	North Somerset LA	Backwell Junior School	Reduction in admission number	Not upheld
North Yorkshire	Ermysted's Grammar School	South Craven School	Consultation, Oversubscription criteria - basis of selection	Upheld
Northamptonshire	Northamptonshire LA	The Ferrers Specialist Art College	Increase in admission number	Withdrawn
Nottinghamshire	The Beckett School	City of Nottingham LA	Oversubscription criteria - arrangements unclear	Upheld
Nottinghamshire	Trinity Catholic School	City of Nottingham LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Nottinghamshire	St Edmund Campion Catholic School	City of Nottingham LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care, special educational needs, clarity of admission process, consultation	Upheld
Nottinghamshire	George Spencer School	Nottinghamshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first, 10% selection by aptitude	Upheld
Nottinghamshire	The West Bridgford School	Toot Hill Comprehensive School	Oversubscription criteria - consultation, 10% selection by aptitude, special educational needs	Not upheld

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Nottinghamshire	The West Bridgford School	Nottinghamshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - 10% selection by aptitude, process unclear	Not upheld
Nottinghamshire	The West Bridgford School	Rushcliffe Comprehensive School	Oversubscription criteria - consultation, special educational needs, 10% selection by aptitude, arrangements unclear	Not upheld
Nottinghamshire	The West Bridgford School	Abbey Road Primary School	Oversubscription criteria - consultation, 10% selection by aptitude, linked primary	Not upheld
Nottinghamshire	The West Bridgford School	Pierrepoint Gamston CE Primary School	Oversubscription criteria - consultation, 10% selection by aptitude, linked primary	Not upheld
Nottinghamshire	The West Bridgford School	Lady Bay Primary School	Oversubscription criteria - consultation, 10% selection by aptitude, linked primary	Not upheld
Peterborough	Jack Hunt School	Gladstone Primary School	Oversubscription criteria - catchment area	Upheld
Redbridge	King Solomon High School	Redbridge LA	Reduction in admission number	Upheld
South Gloucestershire	South Gloucestershire LA	Charfield Primary School	Reduction in admission number	Not upheld
South Gloucestershire	South Gloucestershire LA	10 parents	Admission number set lower than net capacity	Not upheld
Staffordshire	Painsley Catholic College	Staffordshire LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first, children of members of staff	Upheld
Surrey	Rosebery School	Surrey LA	Oversubscription criteria - children of members of staff	Out of Jurisdiction
Sutton	Sutton LA	Cheam Park Farm Junior School	Reduction in admission number	Upheld
Sutton	The John Fisher School	Bromley LA	Oversubscription criteria - first preference first	Upheld
Trafford	Loreto Grammar School	Trafford LA	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Upheld
Wigan	St George's Central CE Primary School, Tyldesley	Wigan LA	Reduction in admission number	Partially Upheld

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Bedfordshire	Queensbury Upper School	To increase the admission number	Withdrawn
Bexley	St Catherine's Roman Catholic School for Girls	Change wording of admission criteria	Approved
Blackpool	Kincraig Primary School	To reduce the admission number	Approved
Blackpool	St John's CE Primary School	To reduce the admission number	Approved
Bracknell Forest	St Michael's Easthampstead CE Aided Primary School	To change wording of admission criteria	Approved
Buckinghamshire	Little Chalfont Primary School	To reduce the admission number	Approved
Cambridgeshire	Comberton Village College	(i) Reserving places (ii) increase in admission number (iii) clause for exceptional circumstances	(i) Approved (ii) Approved (iii) Rejected
City of Nottingham	Trinity Catholic School	Oversubscription criteria - children in public care	Approved
Croydon	Stanley Technical High School for Boys	To reduce the admission number	Withdrawn
Devon	The Kings School	To increase the admission number	Approved
Dudley	26 Primary Schools	To change the admission numbers	Rejected
Dudley	Christ Church CE Primary School	To change the admission number	Withdrawn
Dudley	Netherton CE Primary School	To change the admission number	Withdrawn
Dudley	The CE School of St Edmund & St John	To change the admission number	Withdrawn
Dudley	St Mary's CE VC Primary School	To change the admission number	Withdrawn
Dudley	Hasbury CE Primary School	To change the admission number	Withdrawn
Dudley	St Josephs RC Primary School	To change the admission number	Withdrawn
East Riding of Yorkshire	Wilberfoss CE Primary School	Change timing of intake	Approved
East Riding of Yorkshire	Kirk Ella St Andrew's Community Primary School	To reduce the admission number	Rejected
Gloucestershire	Hester's Way Primary School	To reduce the admission number	Approved
Greenwich	Woolwich Polytechnic School	To reduce the admission number	Approved
Haringey	St John Vianney RC Primary School	To reduce the admission number	Withdrawn
Hertfordshire	Ardeley St Lawrence CE VA Primary School	Change oversubscription criteria	Withdrawn
Hertfordshire	Sandringham School, Sir John Lawes School, Roundwood Park School	To increase the admission number	Approved
Hertfordshire	The Knights Templar School	To increase the admission number	Approved
Kent	Dover Road Community Primary School	To reduce the admission number	Out of jurisdiction
Kent	Hugh Christie Technology College	To clarify wording and include a tie breaker	Approved with Modification
Knowsley	Knowsley Longview Community Primary School	To increase the admission number	Approved
Lincolnshire	Earl of Dysart Primary School, Grantham	To reduce the admission number	Approved
Merton	Benedict Primary School	To reduce the admission number	Approved
NE Lincolnshire	Tollbar Business and Enterprise College	To revert to previous arrangements	Rejected
North Lincolnshire	South Axholme Community School	To increase the admission number	Approved
Oldham	Saddleworth School	To increase the admission number	Approved

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Oxfordshire	Kidmore End CE School	To clarify wording on multiple births	Approved
Oxfordshire	Dr Radcliffe's CE Primary	To increase the admission number and change criteria to admit multiple births	Rejected
Reading	Reading Primary Schools	To change wording of sibling criteria	Approved
Reading	St Mary & All Saints CE VA Primary School	Point of entry	Rejected
Redbridge	King Solomon High School	To change priority for children of the faith	Out of jurisdiction
Salford	Moorside High School	To reduce the admission number	Approved
Salford	Bridgewater Community Primary School	To reduce the admission number	Approved
Sefton	Birkdale High School	To change to catchment area	Approved
Sefton	Greenbank High School	To change to catchment area	Approved
Sheffield City	Chaucer School	To reduce the admission number	Approved
Sheffield City	Charnock Hall Primary School	To reduce the admission number	Approved
Southwark	Cathedral School of St Saviour & St Mary Overie	To revert to previous arrangements	Approved
St Helens	Nutgrove Methodist Primary, Thatto Heath Community Primary, Queens Park CE/JRC Primary, St Mary & St Thomas CE Primary Schools	To re-designate feeder schools	Approved
Surrey	Park Mead Primary School	To reduce the admission number	Rejected
Sutton	Amy Johnson Primary, Brookfield Primary, Green Wrythe Primary, Muschamp Primary Schools	To reduce the admission number	Approved
Swindon	Holy Rood RC Infant School	To include date of application and residency	Rejected
Trafford	Loreto Grammar School	To change order and re-number the admission criteria	Approved
Wigan	St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High	To increase the admission number	Withdrawn
Wigan	St John Fisher Catholic High	To increase the admission number	Withdrawn
Wigan	St Peter's Catholic High	To increase the admission number	Withdrawn
Wokingham	Nine Mile Ride School	To clarify wording on siblings residency	Approved

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Bath & NE Somerset	Newbridge St John's CE VC Infant School & Newbridge Junior School	To discontinue the two schools and open a new community primary school	Approved
Buckinghamshire	Chackmore CE School & St James CE School	To discontinue St James CE School and enlarge Chackmore CE School	Approved
City of Nottingham	Stanstead Nursery and Primary School	To discontinue the school	Rejected
Dorset	Highcliffe Foundation School and Language College	To enlarge the school	Rejected
Dudley	Beauty Bank Primary School	To discontinue the school	Rejected
East Riding of Yorkshire	Little Weighton, Rowley CE VC Primary School	To establish a nursery	Approved with modification
Hackney	Homerton College of Technology	To discontinue the school	Approved
Hackney	Haggerston School	To change to a co-educational 11-19 school	Approved
Haringey	Coleridge Primary School	To enlarge the school	Conditional approval with modification
Hillingdon	Haydon School	To enlarge the school	Conditional approval
Islington	St Mary Magdalene CE Primary School	To discontinue the school as part of a proposal to establish an academy	Conditional approval
Kirklees	RM Grylls Middle School & West End Middle School	To discontinue RM Grylls Middle School & enlarge West End Middle School	Rejected
Merton	Mitcham Vale School & Tamworth Manor High School	To discontinue the two schools as part of proposals to establish two academies	Conditional approval
Newcastle	West Gate Community College	To discontinue the school as part of a proposal to establish an academy	Conditional approval
Norfolk	Wymondham College	To enlarge the school	Conditional approval with modification
Norfolk	Springwood High School	To enlarge the school	Conditional approval with modification
Redbridge	Ilford Ursuline High School	To enlarge the school	Conditional approval
Rochdale	Furrow Community School & Langley Primary School	To discontinue the two schools and open a new community school	Approved
Rochdale	Alkington Moss Primary School	To discontinue the school	Conditional approval
Sefton	Trinity St Peter's CE Primary School	To establish a nursery class	Approved
St Helens	Windlehurst Community Primary School	To discontinue the school	Approved

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Sunderland	Venerable Bede CE Aided Secondary School	To establish a sixth form	Rejected
Torbay	Upton St James CE Primary School	To discontinue the school	Withdrawn
Waltham Forest	The McEntee School	To discontinue the school as part of a proposal to establish an Academy	Conditional approval
Waltham Forest	Barclay Infant School & Barclay Junior School	To discontinue the two schools and open a new community primary school	Approved
Windsor & Maidenhead	Altwood CE Secondary School	To discontinue the Resource Unit	Rejected
Wirral	St Paul's Catholic Primay School	To discontinue the school	Rejected
Worcestershire	Malvern Hills Primary School	To discontinue the school	Rejected

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