

Summary of changes to Cheshire West and Chester school admission arrangements, co-ordinated admissions scheme for admission in 2019-2020 academic year.

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, December 2014, admission authorities must consult on any changes to the admission arrangements and coordinated admission scheme. Cheshire West and Chester has consulted and determined the following changes for admission in the school year 2019-2020 and for subsequent years, subject to any review.

- Following a review of the Local Authority's admission arrangements, the Local Authority has removed the requirement for parents and carers to accept or decline the school place offered following the National offer dates. It is not compulsory for admission authorities to have an offer response process within the arrangements.

Parents and carers will still be able to respond to the offer to inform the authority whether or not they wish to take up the place offered, however places will not be removed if no response is received.

- The Local Authority has added Elton Primary School as a feeder for Helsby High School and included the Elton area within Helsby High School's catchment area, as part of the Local Authority's oversubscription criteria.

Traditionally pupils from the Elton area apply for places at Helsby High School at secondary transfer. Pupils resident in the Elton area will remain in the catchment area for the University of Chester Church of England Academy, Ellesmere Port. Therefore, when applying for places, pupils in the Elton area will have high priority for both schools.