

ADMISSIONS UPDATE 2005

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1. Purpose of the Report

To update the Admissions Forum on the admissions to nursery, primary, junior and secondary schools within Hertfordshire.

2. Summary

2.1 *Nursery Admissions*

The percentage of Hertfordshire parents/carers being offered one of their ranked schools on allocation day was 98.9%.

2.2 *Primary Admissions*

The percentage of Hertfordshire parents/carers being offered one of their ranked schools on allocation day was 96.77%.

2.3 *Junior Admissions*

The percentage of Hertfordshire parents/carers being offered one of their ranked schools on allocation day was 99.19%.

2.4 *Secondary Admissions*

The percentage of Hertfordshire parents/carers being offered one of their ranked schools on allocation day was 92.74%.

3. Conclusion

The Admission Forum is asked to note the position for the September 2005 round of admissions.

NURSERY APPLICATIONS AND ALLOCATIONS IN 2005

There were 8984 applications for nursery school places in March 2005. 137 were from outside Hertfordshire and 8847 were from Hertfordshire.

The online transactional admissions service has worked well for parents/carers. This year 30.78% of parents/carers seeking a nursery place applied online, compared with 21.1% last year.

All parents/carers were informed on 10 March 2005 of the nursery place they had been allocated. On allocation day, the percentage of pupils being offered one of their ranked nursery schools was 98.9% for Hertfordshire parents/carers.

An analysis of allocations as at allocation day provides a comparison between allocations for 2004 and 2005.

323 parents/carers applied for continuing interest to seek a place at either a higher ranked school, or in the case of parents/carers with a non-ranked allocation, a ranked school.

Comparative Summary of Nursery Admissions 2005

Summary for the Whole County

Total for County	2004	2005	Variance
Number of applications from Hertfordshire pupils	9500	8847	-653
Percentage of Herts pupils as a % of all applications	98.57	98.48	-0.09
Applications from out county pupils	138	137	-1
Percentage of out county pupils as a % of all applications	1.43	1.52	0.09
Total applications	9638	8984	-654
Herts children allocated a ranked school	9361	8750	-611
% of Herts children allocated a ranked school as a % of all Herts applicants	98.54	98.90	0.37
Out county children allocated a ranked school	124	121	-3
% of out county children allocated a ranked school as a % of all out county applicants	89.86	88.32	-1.53
Total children allocated a ranked school	9485	8871	-614
Total % of children allocated a ranked school	98.41	98.74	0.33
Non ranked allocations (ie Herts children not getting a ranked school)	139	98	-41
Non ranked allocations as a % of all Herts children	1.46	1.11	-0.36

PRIMARY APPLICATIONS AND ALLOCATIONS IN 2005

There were 11772 applications for primary school places in October 2005. 255 were from outside Hertfordshire and 11517 were from Hertfordshire.

The online transactional admissions service has worked well for parents/carers. This year 22.8% of parents/carers seeking a primary place applied online, compared with 16.7% last year.

All parents/carers were informed on 14 January 2005 of the primary place they had been allocated. On allocation day, the percentage of pupils being offered one of their ranked primary schools was 96.77 % for Hertfordshire parents/carers.

An analysis of allocations as at allocation day provides a comparison between allocations for 2004 and 2005.

891 parents applied for continuing interest to seek a place at either a higher ranked school, or in the case of parents with a non-ranked allocation, a ranked school.

Following 7 rounds of 'Continuing Interest' the percentage of pupils being offered one of their ranked primary schools rose to 96.92 % for Hertfordshire parents/carers.

Comparative Summary of Primary Admissions 2005

Summary for the Whole County

Total for County	2004	2005	Variance
Number of applications from Hertfordshire pupils	11507	11517	10
Percentage of Herts pupils as a % of all applications	97.69	97.83	0.14
Applications from out county pupils	272	255	-17
Percentage of out county pupils as a % of all applications	2.31	2.17	-0.14
Total applications	11779	11772	-7
Herts children allocated a ranked school	11108	11145	37
% of Herts children allocated a ranked school as a % of all Herts applicants	96.53	96.77	0.24
Out county children allocated a ranked school	229	203	-26
% of out county children allocated a ranked school as a % of all out county applicants	84.19	79.61	-4.58
Total children allocated a ranked school	11337	11348	11
Total % of children allocated a ranked school	96.25	96.40	0.15
Non ranked allocations (ie Herts children not getting a ranked school)	397	372	-25
Non ranked allocations as a % of all Herts children	3.45	3.23	-0.22

JUNIOR APPLICATIONS AND ALLOCATIONS IN 2005

There were 2519 applications for junior school places in April 2005. 36 were from outside Hertfordshire and 2483 were from Hertfordshire.

The online transactional admissions service has worked well for parents/carers. This year 14.47% of parents/carers seeking a junior place applied online, compared with 11.6% last year.

All parents/carers were informed on 12 April 2005 of the junior place they had been allocated. On allocation day, the percentage of pupils being offered one of their ranked junior schools was 99.19% for Hertfordshire parents/carers.

An analysis of allocations as at allocation day provides a comparison between allocations for 2004 and 2005.

47 parents/carers applied for continuing interest to seek a place at either a higher ranked school, or in the case of parents/carers with a non-ranked allocation, a ranked school.

Comparative Summary of Junior Admissions 2005

Summary for the Whole County

Total for County	2004	2005	Variance
Number of applications from Hertfordshire pupils	2631	2483	-148
Percentage of Herts pupils as a % of all applications	98.76	98.57	-0.19
Applications from out county pupils	33	36	3
Percentage of out county pupils as a % of all applications	1.24	1.43	0.19
Total applications	2664	2519	-145
Herts children allocated a ranked school			
Herts children allocated a ranked school	2607	2463	-144
% of Herts children allocated a ranked school as a % of all Herts applicants	99.09	99.19	0.11
Out county children allocated a ranked school	33	36	3
% of out county children allocated a ranked school as a % of all out county applicants	100.00	100.00	0.00
Total children allocated a ranked school	2640	2499	-141
Total % of children allocated a ranked school	99.10	99.21	0.11
Non ranked allocations (ie Herts children not getting a ranked school)			
Non ranked allocations (ie Herts children not getting a ranked school)	24	20	-4
Non ranked allocations as a % of all Herts children	0.91	0.81	-0.11

SECONDARY APPLICATIONS AND ALLOCATIONS IN 2005

There were 15791 applications for secondary school places in March 2005. 2369 were from outside Hertfordshire and 13422 were from Hertfordshire.

The online transactional admissions service has worked well for parents/carers. This year 18.8% of parents seeking a secondary place applied online. This was the same percentage as last year. This may be due to a number of factors, including the postal strike last year.

All parents/carers were informed on 1 March 2005 of the secondary place they had been allocated. On allocation day, the percentage of pupils being offered one of their ranked secondary schools was 92.74 % for Hertfordshire parents/carers.

An analysis of allocations as at allocation day provides a comparison between allocations for 2004 and 2005.

835 parents/carers applied for continuing interest to seek a place at either a higher ranked school, or in the case of parents/carers with a non-ranked allocation, a ranked school.

Following 5 rounds of 'Continuing Interest' the percentage of pupils being offered one of their ranked secondary schools was 95.1% for Hertfordshire parents/carers.

Appendix 1 shows that over 3000 parents/carers obtained the allocation of a secondary school place for their son/daughter between 16.30 and 17.55 on 1st March 2005.

Appendix 2 shows the increasing take-up of online admissions from 2001 to the present.

Comparative Summary of Secondary Transfer 2005 Summary for the Whole County

Total for County	2004	2005	Variance
Number of applications from Hertfordshire pupils*	13422	13488	66
Percentage of Herts pupils as a % of all applications	85.00	83.60	-1.40
Applications from out county pupils	2369	2646	277
Percentage of out county pupils as a % of all applications	15.00	16.40	1.40
Total applications	15791	16134	343
Herts children allocated a ranked school	12448	12568	120
% of Herts children allocated a ranked school as a % of all Herts applicants	92.74	93.18	0.44
1st Rank	79.28	79.49	0.21
2nd Rank	9.16	9.51	0.35
3rd Rank	4.30	4.16	-0.14
Out county children allocated a ranked school	1055	1023	-32
% of out county children allocated a ranked school as a % of all out county applicants	44.53	38.66	-5.87
1st Rank	38.67	34.51	-4.16
2nd Rank	4.22	3.47	-0.75
3rd Rank	1.64	0.68	-0.96
Total children allocated a ranked school	13503	13591	88
Total % of children allocated a ranked school	85.51	84.24	-1.27
1st Rank	73.19	72.12	-1.07
2nd Rank	8.42	8.53	0.11
3rd Rank	3.90	3.59	-0.31
Non ranked allocations (ie Herts children not getting a ranked school)	974	923	-51
Non ranked allocations as a % of all Herts children	7.26	6.84	-0.42

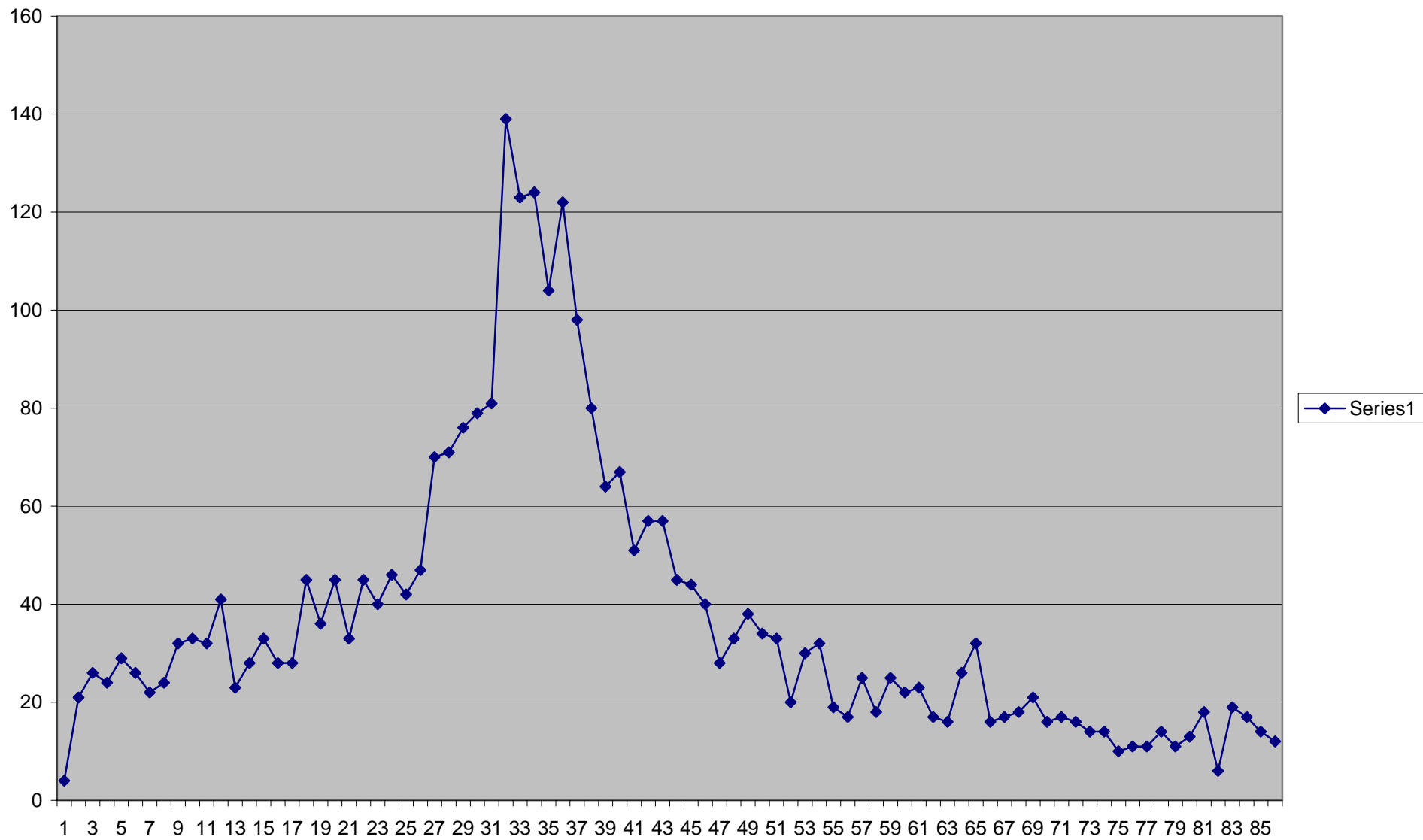
NB. This number includes those children that have ranked an out of county school first therefore may not total the summary number in each area.

Appendix 1

***On the chart that follows the number at the bottom is minutes after
16:30.***

The count is of users getting allocations.

By 17:55 over 3000 had already got their allocations.



Appendix 2 -Total number of online applications from September 2001 to September 2004

