



# **CABINET MEMBER DECISION**

## **3 AUGUST 2021**

**Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for 2021/22 & 2022/23, Co-ordinated Admission Schemes**

ordinated schemes for Worcestershire schools, including the in-year Scheme and the Fair Access Protocol.

10. However, in a situation where no children from a multiple birth can be offered places and that family appeals against the decision, parent/carers need to be aware that all appeals are dealt with on their own merits and independent appeal panels are not obliged to allow all children from a multiple birth to be admitted, if one appeal is successful. It is therefore proposed to amend the statement on multiple births to the following, to provide clarity:

11. **Oversubscription Criteria Order**, in several appeal hearings, parents have advised that they did not clearly understand which category in the oversubscription criterion their child falls into, particularly where there is oversubscription within catchment. The current arrangements state:

12. To assist parents in clearly understanding the arrangements, it is proposed that the criterion is reworded to clearly set out the order in which places are allocated, so there can be no misunderstanding. There is no change to how the places will be allocated, simply rewording for clarity for parents. The revised wording is set out in Appendices, 1a,1b,1c and 1d.

13. The Office of the School Adjudicator has ruled on several cases nationally, that it is unfair and not in line with the Code on Admissions, to have arrangements that use receipt of **Child Benefit** as a deciding factor in determining which address to be used in cases of 50/50 shared care arrangements. The current arrangements specify:

14. To ensure compliance with the Code it is therefore recommended that the arrangements are reworded as set out below:



