

APPENDIX 6E

Schools requesting MAL lower than IAL

Airy Hill CP School

Indicated Admission Limit is 34. Previous MAL has been 30. Governors requesting a MAL of 30 for 2008/09 on the basis that to admit over 30 would cause organisational problems due to infant class size limitations. Any reorganisation of classes would lead to mixed age and mixed key stage classes. Officer views are that a MAL of 30 is appropriate in these circumstances. The anticipated number of applications for 2008/09 is 24. This includes both in and out of area requests.

Cayton CP School

IAL is 34. Governors requesting a MAL of 30. MAL has been 30 for preceding three years. The anticipated number of applications for 2008/09 is 25. This includes both in and out of area requests. Officer views are that a MAL of 30 is appropriate in these circumstances for the reasons stated above.

Ripon Cathedral CE Primary School

IAL is 35. Governors requesting a MAL of 30. Governors believe "that a MAL of 35 has had an adverse effect on the achievement and standard of pupils. Forcing an inappropriate class structure at KS1 and oversized KS2 classes. Governors are keen to serve their local catchment area, intakes have always been supplemented by out of catchment pupils. Governors are aware that other schools within the city are facing falling rolls." Comment: Officer views are that a MAL of 30 would be appropriate in these circumstances for all of the reasons cited by Governors and in the interests of ensuring compliance with Infant Class Size legislation. There are places available at other primary schools within Ripon.

Hampsthwaite CE Primary School

IAL is 17. Governors requesting a MAL of 15. MAL has been 15 for 2007/08 and 2006/07. Generally two thirds of applications for places are from families living within the normal area of the school. The school operates with four classes across the two key stages. Officer views are that a MAL of 15 would be appropriate in these circumstances and would be compatible with the duty to comply with the Infant Class Size limit.

Oatlands Community Junior School

The IAL for the school is 81. The MAL at the school was previously 70 but it was increased in 2003/04 to accommodate pupil numbers from Oatlands Infant School. The MAL for 2007/08 is 70. Governors have requested a MAL of 70 for 2008/09.

The reason for this is that it is becoming increasingly difficult to manage the class structures with the current number of pupils on roll. Year on year the school have been forced to reorganise classes. A MAL of 75 equates to 37/38 children per class in each year group. A parental survey confirmed that large and mixed age classes was the overriding concern of parents. The Governors have funded additional staffing but feel that large class sizes jeopardise the quality of education. The school is experiencing strained community relations resulting from traffic increase from parents delivering and collecting children from school in a residential cul-de-sac. Officer views are that a MAL of 70 would be appropriate for all of the reasons stated above. The MAL is 70 for 2007/08. A large proportion of children attending both the Infant and Junior Schools are from outside the school's catchment area. With a MAL of 70 demand for

places from in area pupils be met. It is more likely that parents will object to this proposal due to the disparity of places between Infant and Junior schools. A place at the junior school is not guaranteed on the basis that a child attended the infant school. This will be made clear to parents in the Guide for Parents 2008-09.

Pickering Community Infant School

IAL is 76. Governors have requested a MAL of 75 to assist in enabling them to comply with the infant class size duty. The school operates three reception classes, one of which is a mixed year group class. Officer views are that a MAL of 75 is appropriate for this school. The school is able to accommodate all demand from both in and out of area places – generally the MAL is not reached.

Wedderburn Infant and Nursery School

IAL is 80. Governors are requesting a MAL of 60. The school anticipate that there will be 50 applications for places in 2008/09. The school has had a steady falling roll for the last few years. It is likely that a new Children's Centre for the Wedderburn/Woodlands area will utilise three temporary classroom units at the school. Building work on the alterations is due to commence during the 2007/08 academic year. Officer views are that the change of use of the temporary classroom units will reduce the net capacity of the school. A MAL of 60 would therefore be appropriate and will enable the school to plan its class organisation in compliance with the infant class size duty.