

REPORT TO TRUSTEES JUNE 2021

APOLLO PARTNERSHIP SECONDARY CAPACITY ISSUE REVIEW

INTRODUCTION

This report is regarding the current capacity within Apollo Partnership Trust secondary schools which are currently undergoing Age Range Change. At the time of confirming our proposed Number on Roll at each school, we were not made aware we could cap or have different intakes for each year.

The Castle Rock School intake was set at 250 (increase of 50 from the previous Yr7's) and The Newbridge School intake was set at 150 (reduction of 30 from the previous Yr7's) to ensure we achieved the correct capacity at each school and that there was sufficient space for students.

This has caused considerable problems for the Trust when we receive requests from parents/Carers for students to join either school during the year in different year groups above Yr7. We have timetabled and staffed the curriculum for the number of students within the school for the year groups above Yr7 and any additional students joining us because we 'appear' under capacity add additional strain to existing resources and staffing without any additional funding during a period of transition when income is already reduced.

This issue has been discussed with Admissions, who understand the circumstances we are working in and have advised that if the Trustees agree to reduce the Number on Roll (NOR) in the years above Yr7 on a rolling basis, this problem can be resolved until transition is complete.

CURRENT SITUATION 2020.21

YEAR GROUP	THE CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL	THE NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL
YR7	250	150
YR8	250	150
YR9	250	150
YR10	250	150
YR11	250	150
YR12	N/A	N/A
YR13	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	1250	750

PROPOSED STRUCTURE AND CAPACITY 2020.21

YEAR GROUP	THE CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL **	THE NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL *
YR7	250	150
YR8	200	150
YR9	200	150
YR0	200	150
YR11	200	150
YR12	N/A	N/A
YR13	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	1050	780

FOLLOWING YEAR 2022.23

YEAR GROUP	THE CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL **	THE NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL *
YR7	250	180
YR8	250	150
YR9	200	150
YR0	200	150
YR11	200	150
YR12	N/A	N/A
YR13	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	1100	780

FOLLOWING YEAR ONWARDS 2023.24

YEAR GROUP	THE CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL **	THE NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL *
YR7	250	180
YR8	250	180
YR9	250	150
YR0	200	150
YR11	200	150
YR12	N/A	N/A
YR13	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	1150	810

FOLLOWING YEAR ONWARDS 2024.25

YEAR GROUP	THE CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL **	THE NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL *
YR7	250	180
YR8	250	180
YR9	250	180
YR0	250	150
YR11	200	150
YR12	N/A	N/A
YR13	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	1200	840

FOLLOWING YEAR ONWARDS 2025.26

YEAR GROUP	THE CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL **	THE NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL *
YR7	250	180
YR8	250	180
YR9	250	180
YR0	250	180
YR11	250	150
YR12	N/A	N/A
YR13	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	1250	870

FOLLOWING YEAR ONWARDS 2026.27

YEAR GROUP	THE CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL **	THE NEWBRIDGE SCHOOL *
YR7	250	180
YR8	250	180
YR9	250	180
YR0	250	180
YR11	250	180
YR12	N/A	N/A
YR13	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	1250	900

If Trustees agree to reduce the NOR to the previous limits that we are currently funded for and have staffing in place, then each year as the current Yr7 progresses TCRS will slowly increase its capacity to the appropriate level.

Similarly, TNS can increase the Yr7 from next year to help meet the demand and reduce Appeals whilst progressively increasing its capacity to the appropriate level.

In order to do this if Trustees agree we would need to contact the DfE and explain the position. It may be that a Significant Change application would be needed for The Castle Rock School but The Newbridge School may be able to avoid this as it is increasing its PAN.

RECOMMENDATION & CONCLUSION

If Trustees agree to the recommendation of the proposed structure above then the Trust will be able to share this with our Admissions Consultants and send the relevant forms to the RSC and DfE asking permission to make these changes. This will then ensure that we are not obliged to take students which may be managed moves or students wishing to change mid-year over and above our funding and current capacity.

If Trustees agree to the changes then permission will be given to the Executive to:

- **Continue discussions with David Griffiths (Leicester Delivery Officer) regarding the temporary reduction in capacity during transition for The Castle Rock School and the progressive increase in capacity for The Newbridge School.**
- **Report to Trustees progress with this at the relevant meetings**

Reviewed by Board on the 22.09.21 – agreed.