

Feedback from Formal Admissions Consultation

Primary

Response - 10 Admissions Authorities, 1 Diocesan Board and 1 Parental Group responded to the consultation.

Question 1 – Do you agree the scheme

All responses were in agreement with the proposed scheme, however one school 'Madginford Park Infant School' raised a concern that some of the school actions fell during the Easter Break – this has now been reviewed and the process effectively moved back a week.

Question 2 – Do you agree with the proposed oversubscription criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools.

All but 1 of the admissions authorities and the diocesan board agreed with the proposed criteria.

One admissions authority suggested they wished to have first preference first but clearly this is now unlawful.

The parental group raised a specific concern relating to Goudhurst and Kilndown Primary school and sought for the LA to set a catchment area for this school as some children from Kilndown were having difficulty securing places on distance. *Officers are not proposing to start setting different admissions arrangements for individual Community and VC Schools.*

One admission authority suggested including nursery attendance at the site as part of the admission process. This would not be in keeping with the *Admissions Code*.

Once school, asked for greater support in securing distances from houses in new developments where Ordnance Survey data is not yet available.

Question 3 – Do you agree with the consultation areas?

All responses accepted this unanimously.

Question 4 – Do you agree the Published Admission Numbers for Community and VC Schools?

All responses agreed these unanimously.

Secondary

Response - 6 Admissions Authorities and 1 Diocesan Board responded to the consultation.

Question 1 – Do you agree the scheme?

All responses were in agreement with the proposed scheme.

One admissions authority commented that it felt assessment before preference was unfair due to the children being younger.

One school commented that previously they had not had to inform the LA Admissions Team about Casual Admissions however this is a change in the code.

One admission authority suggested parents be sent their decisions to arrive on a Saturday so parents and children can deal with emotions of children without having to miss school time. *The offer dates are set in legislation and must be sent out as defined in the regulations.*

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