

Outcomes of the Public Consultation

KCC held a public consultation on the proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools which ran from 29 October to 10 December 2018.

Parents of children age 2 to 18, Admission Authorities, school governing bodies, school staff members, neighbouring LAs, faith organisations associated with schools and any other interested party were included in the consultation.

The consultation on the proposed policy ran from 29 October to 10 December 2018. It was promoted in the following ways:

- On www.kent.gov.uk
- KELSI bulletin
- Emails to stakeholders
- Letters to parents via existing school communication methods
- Targeted Facebook advertising

There was a total of 178 responses to the consultation. Respondents were asked to categorise the aspects of the admission arrangements they wished to comment on into 5 themed areas. The first two looked to ascertain whether or not respondents agreed with the complete admission arrangements that had been proposed. The further three questions focused on specific new features for the 2020/21 oversubscription criteria. Some respondents commented on more than one theme which explains discrepancy in total comments.

- Proposed oversubscription criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools (121 comments)
- Proposed oversubscription criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Secondary Schools (89 comments)
- Proposed additional oversubscription criterion for children adopted from outside of England (113 comments)
- Proposed revision of priority area for Tunbridge Wells Grammar school for Boys (7 comments)
- Proposed addition of priority area for St Peters CE Primary School (4 comments)

Of these responses

163 responses were received from parents/carers of children aged 2 to 18

13 responses were received from Headteachers or other school staff

2 responses were received from other parties

Comments on proposed oversubscription criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools

The consultation received the following responses

Agree	33
Disagree	128
Don't know	10
Not applicable	7

Comments related to the proposed addition of oversubscription criteria for children adopted from outside England, which will be covered below.

Comments on proposed oversubscription criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Secondary Schools

The consultation received the following responses

Agree	28
Disagree	100
Don't know	22
Not applicable	28

Comments related to the proposed addition of oversubscription criteria for children adopted from outside England, which will be covered below.

Comments on proposed additional oversubscription criterion for children adopted from outside of England

The consultation received the following responses

Agree	35
Disagree	139
Don't know	4

Those respondents that agreed with the additional criterion highlighted that this was a vulnerable group that would benefit from the support of a school of their preference. The vast majority of responses, however, were against the inclusion on the basis of the overcrowding they felt that was already present in the system and how the addition of a new criterion would reduce their chances of securing a place at a school of their preference further.

Comments on proposed revision of priority area for Tunbridge Wells Grammar school for Boys

The consultation received the following responses

Agree	1
Disagree	4
Don't know	2

The comments of the 4 respondents that did not agree with the priority zone did not elaborate on why they did not agree with its inclusion.

Comments on proposed addition of priority area for St Peters CE Primary School

The consultation received the following responses

Agree	0
Disagree	3
Don't know	1

The comments of the 3 respondents that did not agree with the priority zone did not elaborate on why they did not agree with its inclusion.

Equality and Diversity

Where these numbers do not aggregate to the total number of submissions, it is as a result of the respondent choosing not to answer the question.

The assessment from the consultation shows that of those responses received, the following ethnic groups took part:

White English	79
White Scottish	1
White Northern Irish	1
White Irish	3
White Other	4
Asian or Asian British Indian	1
Asian or Asian British Other	1
Mixed White and Black African	1
Mixed White and Asian	2
Prefer not to say	7

The following responses identified their gender as follows:

Male	15
Female	84
Prefer not to say	1

The following responses identified their age as follows:

0-15	0
16-24	1
25-34	18
35-49	69

50-59	11
60-64	2
65-74	0
75-84	0
85+	0
Prefer not to say	0

The following responses identified whether or not they belong to a particular religion or held a belief:

Yes	30
No	61
Prefer not to say	9

When asked if the responded considered themselves disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010:

Yes	4
No	95
Prefer not to say	2

The following identified as a Carer:

Yes	17
No	82
Prefer not to say	2