

Surrey County Council

Proposed admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in September 2018 and Surrey’s proposed Relevant Area

Introduction

Surrey County Council is consulting on:

- proposed changes to admission arrangements for some community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2018
- the admission arrangements for all remaining community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2018
- its relevant area – this is the area within which schools must consult on their admission arrangements

Further details of the changes being proposed and Surrey’s relevant area are set out in this document.

A copy of the proposed admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools and Surrey’s coordinated schemes are set out in the following documents, with changes highlighted in bold in each document:

Enclosure 1	Admission arrangements for community & voluntary controlled schools
APPENDIX 1	Published admission numbers
APPENDIX 2	Schools to operate shared sibling priority
APPENDIX 3	Schools not to be considered in assessment of nearest school
APPENDIX 4	Catchment map for Southfield Park Primary School
APPENDIX 5	Catchment map for Woodmansterne Primary School
APPENDIX 6	Catchment map for Tatsfield Primary School
APPENDIX 7	Catchment map for St Andrew’s CofE Controlled Infant School
Enclosure 2	Primary and secondary coordinated schemes

Local authorities are also required to consult on their relevant area every two years. As two years have passed since Surrey’s last consultation, it is consulting again this year. The proposed Relevant Area is included at **Enclosure 3**.

An equality impact assessment is included as **Enclosure 4**.

What changes are being proposed?

1. Stoughton Infant School – Guildford

For September 2018, the local authority intends to introduce a sibling link for Stoughton Infant School with Northmead Junior School. In this way, families with an older child attending Northmead Junior School would receive sibling priority for a younger child to attend Stoughton Infant School.

The admission criteria for Stoughton Infant School would not change but would be described as operating shared sibling priority with Northmead Junior School for 2018 admission (see Enclosure 1 – Appendix 2).

Implementation of this proposal for Stoughton Infant School would be subject to Northmead Junior School also implementing a sibling link with Stoughton Infant School.

In line with Surrey County Council policy, the introduction of a reciprocal sibling link with Northmead Junior School would enable sibling priority to be given to a child who is applying to start at Stoughton Infant School in Reception even if they have a sibling who would have left Year 2 of the school by the time the younger child starts. This is because the feeder link within the admission criteria for Northmead Junior would provide for them to be admitted to that school, thereby retaining their sibling priority.

The introduction of a reciprocal sibling link between the two schools would provide a greater chance of families keeping their children together or at schools in close proximity.

2. St Andrew's CofE Infant School – Waverley

For September 2018, the local authority intends to reduce the published admission number for St Andrew's CofE Infant School from 40 to 30.

This school currently has vacancies in Reception and Year 1. As applications for Reception are forecast to drop year on year for the Farnham area, this reduction in PAN would enable the school to organise its classes and resources more effectively.

3. Walsh CofE Junior School - Guildford

For September 2018, the local authority intends to reduce the published admission number for Walsh CofE Junior School from 75 to 64.

This reduction in PAN would enable the school to operate with two classes and in doing so, to manage its resources more effectively. Whilst the school admits children from Walsh Memorial CofE Infant School and St Paul's CofE Infant School in Tongham, it currently has vacancies in each of its year groups. As such, based on historic patterns of admission, it is expected to still be able to accommodate those children from the feeder infant schools who wish to apply.

Surrey's Relevant Area

The Relevant Area that Surrey intends to publish for schools for the next two years is set out in **Enclosure 3**.

The School Standards & Framework Act 1998 requires local authorities to establish Relevant Area(s) for admission policy consultations. The Relevant Area is the area in which admission authorities must consult with schools regarding their proposed admission arrangements before finalising them. **It does not influence which children will be admitted to which schools.** The Education Act 2002 requires the local authority to review and consult on its Relevant Area every 2 years. Surrey is not proposing any change to its Relevant Area.

How can you respond to the consultation?

The consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and these proposed changes will run from Friday 14 October 2016 to Thursday 24 November 2016. If you would like to take part please complete an online response form available at Surreysays (www.surreysays.co.uk). Alternatively if you would prefer to

respond on a paper form, please telephone the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004 to request a copy. Please note that only response forms which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted.

What happens next?

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to the County Council's decision making Cabinet on 31 January 2017. It will decide whether or not to proceed with the proposed changes as well as determining the admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for which no changes are proposed. Cabinet's decision will then need to be ratified by the full County Council on 7 February 2017. Once determined the final admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools will be placed on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

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