

Responses to the statutory consultation on Hampshire's proposed policy changes for 2023/24

The consultation period opened on Friday 8 October 2021 closing on Friday 5 November 2021. The proposed catchment change was included in the statutory consultation that ran from Monday 15 November to Friday 31 December 2021.

The following responses were received:

1)	<p>Subject: Admissions consultation (2444517)</p> <p>Hi there</p> <p>I have a general comment about admissions criteria, specifically the 'tie-break' criterion that I think applies to most, if not all, schools within HCC's remit.</p> <p>In the event that there is more than one child on a waiting list and all other criteria such as siblings, additional needs, etc. have been taken account, the child that lives closest to the school is offered the place.</p> <p>I live in Gosport which, as I'm sure you're aware, is a peninsular. Some areas are only near one school. For example, if you live south of Alverstoke infant and junior schools, then there are no other schools near by. Yet if you live north, you will be close to at least three other schools. But someone living north of Alverstoke schools who lives slightly nearer than the southerly resident will get the place even though there may well be space in a number of other, equally near schools, leaving the more southerly resident with a long distance to travel.</p> <p>This criterion doesn't take into account local geography at all and is a source of very real frustration for many.</p> <p>Regards</p>
2)	<p>Subject: School admissions for Talavera Junior School</p> <p>Hi,</p> <p>As per the school comms SC019307, please can we request a change in our school admission arrangements so that all students attending Talavera Infant School in year 2 are accepted automatically into Talavera Junior School for year 3.</p> <p>We hope this is acceptable and if you need any further detail from us please let us know.</p>
3)	<p>Subject: Admissions consultation 2023/24 comment</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the admissions policy. Would it be possible to consider including Armed Forces families given notice to move into the area after the deadline for school admissions? Specifically, would it be possible to automatically grant them the right to receive special consideration alongside those who submitted applications on time?</p>

	With kind regards
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*All of the above consultations were conducted by letter, email and added to the corporate list of active consultations:
(<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations>).*