

School admissions consultation 2027

Open date: 1 December 2025 **Close date:** 26 January 2026

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Overview

We want to hear your views about proposed changes to school admissions for 2027 entry.

Buckinghamshire Council is the admission authority for all voluntary controlled and community schools in the council area. Each year we consult on any planned changes to the county admissions scheme, school admission rules (oversubscription criteria), published admission number (PAN) and catchment areas.

No significant changes are proposed to the county admissions scheme or the admission rules for either primary or secondary schools for 2027 entry.

Reduction to a school's PAN requires formal consultation, and it is proposed to reduce the PAN for The Disraeli School.

The proposed reduction is from 90 places to 60 places.

We are not proposing to change the catchment area for any schools for which we are the admission authority.

The Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services agreed on 18 November 2025 to consult on this matter. This consultation will close on 26 January 2026 and then the 2027 voluntary controlled and community school admission arrangements will then be determined. This will be the subject of a council cabinet member or leader decision prior to 28 February 2026.

How to have your say

You can tell us your views in one of the following ways:

- complete the online survey at <u>yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com</u>
- print, complete, and return this document to the email or postal address below
- email us at admissions@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- write to us at School Admissions and Transport Team, Walton Street
 Offices, Buckinghamshire Council, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UZ

If you have any questions about this activity, or require this information in another format or language, please email us at admissions@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Please tell us your views by 11:59pm on Monday 26 January 2026.

What happens next

The feedback from this activity will be used to make final plans for any change in admissions at The Disraeli school and to draft final versions of the admission policies.

Privacy

We will use the information you provide here only for this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details. Survey responses will be analysed using Microsoft products including Copilot, Excel and Word. For more information about data and privacy, please see our <u>privacy policy</u>.

If you have questions about data and privacy, please email us on dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or write to our Data Protection Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

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Changes to school published admission numbers

The published admission number (PAN) for a school is the maximum number of new pupils it will accept in a single year. Changes to the PAN usually occur when the local demand for school places changes.

An increase in the PAN generally reflects the need for more school places in the local area.

If a school's intake falls well below its PAN, this leads to pressure on its budget. This is because funding is received on a per-pupil basis, but the school is required to plan for enough teaching space, staff and facilities for the full number of possible pupils under the PAN. In these circumstances a school may decide to request a reduction in its PAN.

We are proposing to reduce the PAN at one school:

The Disraeli School

The proposed reduction is from 90 places to 60 places.

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PAN for The Disraeli School from 90 to 60?
Please tick (✓) one option
☐ Agree
☐ Disagree
☐ I don't have a view on it
Please give the reasons for your response
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1. Do you agree or disagree with our proposal to reduce the reception entry

Admissions policies

No significant changes are proposed to the key county-wide admissions policies for 2027 entry. We welcome any comments you may have on the minor changes.

The following draft documents available at <u>yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com</u> show reformatted text in red:

- the county admissions scheme
- the admissions rules (oversubscription criteria) for voluntary controlled and community primary schools
- the admissions rules (oversubscription criteria) for community secondary schools
- the 2028 relevant area for policy consultation on school admissions policies and procedures

2. Please provide any comments you have on the draft key ad	missions
policies	

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	rill use the information you provide here only for the purpose of this	
activi	ty. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws will not share or publish any personal details.	
3. Wr	nich of the following describe you?	
Ple	ease tick (✓) all that apply	
	I am the parent of a child or children between the ages of 2 and 18	
	I am a local resident with an interest in the proposed admissions	
_	changes	
	I work at a school	
	I am responding on behalf of the governing body of a school I am an elected representative in Buckinghamshire	
	I represent a parish / town council or town committee in	
_	Buckinghamshire	
	I work for Buckinghamshire Council	
	I am responding on behalf of a diocesan school board/board of	
	education	
	I am responding on behalf of a neighbouring education authority	
	Other (please give details overleaf):	

Please tell us other details here:	
4. Hov	w did you find out about this consultation?
Ple	ease tick (✓) all that apply
	Social media (Facebook, Twitter/X, Instagram, Nextdoor or LinkedIn)
	Through a school
	Your Voice Bucks website
	SchoolsWeb
	Schools Bulletin
	Email or newsletter from Buckinghamshire Council
	Buckinghamshire Council staff
	Through working at Buckinghamshire Council
	Friend or family member
	Councillor, town/parish council or community board
	Other (please give details below):
Please	e give other details here:
5. Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of a school or other organisation?	
	As an individual (Go to question 7)
	On behalf of an organisation (Go to question 6)

On behalf of an organisation

6. Please provide the following details:	
Please give the name of your school or other organisation:	
What is your role at the organisation?	
End of survey if responding on behalf of an organisation	
If you're responding as an individual	
We want to hear from as many people as possible to understand the views and needs across Buckinghamshire. The following questions help us see if the communities we serve have had the opportunity to be heard through this activity.	
All questions are optional. You can skip any questions you do not wish to answer.	
7. What is your postcode?	
We want to understand the views of people living in different areas. You don't have to provide your postcode, but it helps us plan and make considered decisions.	

=	we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of ent age groups.
Pleas	e tick (✓) one option
	Under 16
	16 to 24
	25 to 34
	35 to 44
	45 to 54
	55 to 64
	65 to 74
	75 to 84
	Over 85
	Prefer not to say
=	u consider yourself to have a disability / disabilities, impairment(s) or n health condition(s)?
-	we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of led people, people with impairments and people with long term health tions.
Pleas	e tick (✓) all that apply
	Disability / disabilities
	Impairment(s)
	Long term health condition(s)
	No
	Prefer not to say

8. What is your age?

	_	we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of ent sexes.
	Pleas	e tick (✓) one option
		Female Male Prefer not to say
11	. How	would you describe your ethnicity?
	_	we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of ent ethnicities.
	Pleas	e tick (✓) one option
		Asian - British Asian - Bangladeshi Asian - Chinese Asian - Indian Asian - Pakistani Any other Asian background - Please give details below
		Black - African Black - British Black - Caribbean Any other Black, African or Caribbean background - Please give details below
		Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Asian Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black African Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black British Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black Caribbean Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - Mixed or Multiple Ethnic backgrounds British

10. Are you:

	Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background - Please give details below
	White - English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British White - Irish White - Gypsy or English traveller White - Irish Traveller White - European Any other White background - Please give details below
	Other ethnic group - Arab Other ethnic group - Arab British Other ethnic group - Please give details below
Prefer not to say Please give other details here:	

End of the survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please return your completed survey by 11:59pm on 26 January 2026. You can:

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 Buckinghamshire Council, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UZ