

School admissions consultation 2026

- Closes 31 Jan 2025
- Opened 5 Dec 2024

Contact

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Overview

We want to hear your views about proposed changes to school admissions for 2026 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 2026 entry. However, following good practice advice from the government [Office of the Schools Adjudicator](#), they have been reformatted to provide separate admission criteria for both the main point of entry and in-year admissions.

Changes are proposed to increase the PAN for two schools and reduce the PAN for three schools following requests from their governing bodies. Increases to the PAN do not require formal consultation but a reduction to a school's PAN does require formal consultation.

Schools where an increase in the PAN is proposed:

- [Holmer Green Junior School](#)
- [Tylers Green Middle School](#)

Schools where a reduction in the PAN is proposed:

- [Lee Common Church of England School](#)
- [Marsh Infant and Nursery School](#)
- [Naphill and Walters Ash School](#)

We are proposing to extend the catchment of one school for which we are the admission authority - [Waddesdon Village Primary School](#) - following the closure of Westcott Church of England School. Other local academy/voluntary aided schools will be consulting on this separately to ensure the area previously included in the Westcott School catchment is included in at least one school's catchment area.

The Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services agreed on 14 November 2024 to consult on these matters. This consultation will close on 31 January 2025 and then the 2026 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 2025.

How to have your say

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

- complete the online survey on [Your Voice Bucks](#)
- 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 31 January 2025.

Privacy

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publish any personal details. For more information about data and privacy, please see our [Privacy Policy](#).

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Survey

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 increase the PAN at these schools:

- [Holmer Green Junior School](#)
- [Tylers Green Middle School](#)

We are proposing to reduce the PAN at these schools:

- [Lee Common Church of England School](#)
- [Marsh Infant and Nursery School](#)
- [Naphill and Walters Ash School](#)

1. Do you agree or disagree with our proposal to increase the junior transfer PAN for Holmer Green Junior School from 60 to 64?

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ I don't have a view on it

Please give the reasons for your response

2. Do you agree or disagree with our proposal to increase the junior transfer PAN for Tylers Green Middle School from 62 to 64?

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ I don't have a view on it

Please give the reasons for your response

3. Do you agree or disagree with our proposal to reduce the reception entry PAN for Lee Common Church of England School from 23 to 15?

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ I don't have a view on it

Please give the reasons for your response

4. Do you agree or disagree with our proposal to reduce the reception entry PAN for Marsh Infant and Nursery School from 60 to 30?

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ I don't have a view on it

Please give the reasons for your response

5. Do you agree or disagree with our proposal to reduce the reception entry PAN for Naphill and Walters Ash School from 45 to 30?

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ I don't have a view on it

Please give the reasons for your response

Waddesdon Village Primary School catchment

We are proposing to expand the catchment for [Waddesdon Village Primary School](#) to cover part of the catchment area of the former Westcott Church of England School which closed at the end of August 2024.

The following local academy/voluntary aided schools will be consulting separately on this matter to ensure that the entire area that was previously in the Westcott School catchment becomes part of at least one school's catchment area:

- [Brill Church of England School](#)
- [Cuddington and Dinton Church of England School](#)
- [Grendon Underwood Combined School](#)

[Map of proposed Waddesdon Village Primary School catchment \(PDF 0.7MB\)](#)

6. Do you agree or disagree with our proposal to expand the catchment for Waddesdon Village Primary School to cover part of the catchment area of the former Westcott School as per the map linked above?

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ I don't have a view on it

Please give the reasons for your response

Admissions policies

No significant changes are proposed to the key county-wide admissions policies for 2026 entry. However, following good practice advice from the [Office of the](#)

[Schools Adjudicator](#), they have been reformatted to provide separate admission criteria for both the main point of entry and in-year admissions. We welcome any comments you may have on these minor changes.

The following documents show reformatted text in red:

- [the county admissions scheme \(PDF 0.9MB\)](#)
- [the admissions rules \(oversubscription criteria\) for voluntary controlled and community primary schools \(PDF 0.9MB\)](#)
- [the admissions rules \(oversubscription criteria\) for community secondary schools \(PDF 0.8MB\)](#)
- [the 2027 relevant area for policy consultation consultation on school admissions policies and procedures \(PDF 0.5MB\)](#)

7. Please provide any comments you have on the draft key admissions policies

The county admissions scheme

The admissions rules (oversubscription criteria) for primary schools

The admissions rules (oversubscription criteria) for secondary schools

The relevant area for consultation

About you

We will use the information you provide here only for the purpose of this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details.

8. Which of the following describe you? (Select 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 below):

Please tell us other details here:

9. How did you find out about this consultation? (Select 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 give other details here:

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10. Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of a school or other organisation?

- ☐ As an individual – please skip to question 12
- ☐ On behalf of an organisation – please continue to Question 11

On behalf of an organisation

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. What is your age?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different age groups.

Please 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

14. Do you consider yourself to have a disability / disabilities, impairment(s) or long term health condition(s)?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of disabled people, people with impairments and people with long term health conditions.

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- ☐ Disability / disabilities
- ☐ Impairment(s)
- ☐ Long term health condition(s)
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

15. Are you:

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different sexes.

Please tick (✓) one option

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Prefer not to say

16. How would you describe your ethnicity?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different ethnicities.

Please 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
- ☐ 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

End of the survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

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