

Consultation on admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2021

Surrey County Council is consulting on proposed changes to admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2021.

Full details of the consultation and the changes being proposed are available at [Surrey Says](http://www.surreysays.co.uk) (www.surreysays.co.uk).

Why we are consulting

We have a statutory duty to consult on admission arrangements if we intend to make a change. The changes being proposed are as follows:

1. **All community and voluntary controlled schools** - priority for children of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years and/or the member of staff has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
2. **Worplesdon Primary School** – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 60 to 57
3. **Schools to be included in the assessment of nearest school** – in line with Surrey's policy, the **removal** of eight schools from the list of schools that will be **excluded** when assessing each child's nearest school (St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School, Guildford; St Anne's Catholic Primary School – Reigate & Banstead; St Francis Catholic Primary School – Tandridge; St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Primary School – Waverley; St Edmund's Catholic Primary School – Waverley; St Polycarp's Catholic Primary School – Waverley; Charters School – Windsor & Maidenhead; The Wavell School - Hampshire) and which will therefore be included in the nearest school assessment

How can I respond to the consultation?

The consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and the proposed changes will run from Friday 11 October 2019 to Friday 22 November 2019. If you would like to take part please complete an online response form at [Surrey Says](http://www.surreysays.co.uk) (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 28 January 2020. It will decide whether 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 4 February 2020. Once determined the final admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for 2021 will be placed on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.