

Overview of Proposed Changes For intake year 2020-2021

Introduction

When an admission authority wants to make changes to their admission arrangements they must consult to ensure all views are heard.

Bracknell Forest Council as the admission authority for community and voluntary controlled schools is consulting on the following:

1. Proposed change to add children of staff to the oversubscription criteria for community and voluntary controlled primary and secondary schools
2. Proposed change to add an oversubscription criterion that includes children adopted from outside of England
3. Proposed change to remove the Denominational criterion from the admission arrangements for Ascot Heath CE Junior School
4. Proposed change to remove the Denominational criterion from the admission arrangements for Winkfield St Mary's CE Primary School

1. Proposed change to add children of staff to the oversubscription criteria for community and voluntary controlled primary and secondary schools

Why are we proposing this change?

Recruitment and retention of staff is increasingly difficult as a result of a national shortage of teachers and because of the cost of living in the local area. The Local Authority wishes to help attract skilled and knowledgeable staff to key positions and to retain the excellent workforce schools currently have. We are therefore looking to add children of staff to our oversubscription criteria for community and voluntary controlled schools.

2. Proposed change to add an oversubscription criterion that includes children adopted from outside of England

Why are we proposing this change?

Recent Government guidance has asked all admission authorities to consider including children previously in state care outside of England in their oversubscription criteria. The Local Authority wishes to fully support this request.

3. Proposed change to remove the Denominational criterion from the admission arrangements for Ascot Heath CE Junior School

All schools are intended to serve the community. In consultation with the Governors of the school we are consulting on removing the denominational criterion from the oversubscription criteria to make this school fully inclusive.

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4. Proposed change to remove the Denominational criterion from the admission arrangements for Winkfield St Mary's CE Primary School

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How can you respond?

The consultation takes place between 16 October and 7 December 2018. You can respond via the Council's website www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk or by emailing consultation.education@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Please mark your email **BRACKNELL FOREST CONSULTATION**

What happens next?

After the consultation closes responses will be collated and presented to the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Learning who 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.