

Responses to consultation on East Sussex County Council's proposed admission arrangements for 2018/19

We asked for views on the following:-

1. Proposed admissions criteria* in particular to the extension of the definition of 'looked after children'** in priority 1
2. Proposed change to the Eastbourne primary community area
3. Proposed Admission numbers
4. Proposed Co-ordinated schemes

8 people completed the survey online. The results are as follows:

1. *Are the proposed admissions criteria acceptable?

Yes – 7 (87.5%)

No – 1 (12.5%)

1. **Is the proposed amendment to the definition of 'looked after children' acceptable?

Yes – 7 (87.5%)

No – 1 (12.5%)

Comments received

- 1) These children need all the help they can get!

2. Is the proposed area change acceptable?

Yes – 6 (75%)

No – 2 (25%)

Comments received

- 1) Can't comment either yes or no I'm afraid - lack of knowledge of the area.
- 2) I would like to know more about the effect on the children from Normans Bay should the proposed changes come into effect. Unfortunately for us we are the only, single dwelling in Normans Bay outside of the Community Area for Willingdon School. That line on the map just cuts off our house and there aren't any other houses on our side. All the other children of the village go to Willingdon and can travel together for safety etc except my daughter who now has a difficult journey going to Ratton School. She has a younger sister, so I would be interested to know how things will be for her when she is older.

3. If the admission numbers are not acceptable, please tell us what you think the admission numbers should be and why? (Individual schools can propose a higher for their school than those shown in the 'Proposed admission numbers' documents)

- 1) admissions numbers don't reflect demand from children outside of county. parents don't appreciate the restrictions imposed by LA boundaries.

4. Do you have any comments to make on the co-ordinated schemes?

- 1) No.

2) No, all fine.

The lead member is advised that these are the results from an online survey and it is not possible to identify whether the person whose comment was 'can't comment either yes or no' was one of the respondents who selected 'no' to question 2, or, indeed, whether the person who made the other comment on this question selected 'yes' or 'no'.

The comment regarding Norman's Bay seems to be based on a misunderstanding, as Norman's Bay is not included in the Eastbourne primary schools area at the moment: it is in the community area for Pevensey and Westham CE Primary School, and there are no plans to change this. It appears that the respondent has assumed that this change relates to secondary school areas as well, which it does not.