



## Buckinghamshire County Council

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Dear Colleague

### ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION FOR 2006 INTAKE

In accordance with legislation and the requirements of the revised Code of Practice on Admissions, the County Council is consulting on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for the academic year 2006/7.

The enclosed document includes

- The LEAs proposed primary and secondary schemes (including nursery and sixth form admissions)
- The proposed primary and secondary admission rules for voluntary-controlled and community schools
- Planned admission numbers for voluntary-controlled and community schools
- Proposals to improve the way admissions for vulnerable children are managed and
- The proposed relevant area for the 2007 process.

The enclosed document can be viewed on the web at [buckscc.gov.uk/learning/](http://buckscc.gov.uk/learning/) and you can download the response sheet if you prefer to complete it and then e-mail your response. You can also view catchment maps for all voluntary-controlled and community schools. The maps can be found at [buckscc.gov.uk/learning/](http://buckscc.gov.uk/learning/)

The changes can be summarised as follows:

- The primary school catchment areas across the county have been revised as a result of a wide consultation process. The proposed catchment areas can be viewed at [buckscc.gov.uk/learning/](http://buckscc.gov.uk/learning/) the maps include the proposed changes for the VA and Foundation schools that asked the LEA to consult on their behalf. All the secondary school catchments remain unchanged for 2006.
- A rephrasing of the schemes and policies to reflect the language used in the 'parents' guide' that has been approved by the Plain English Campaign.
- A rephrasing of the definition of 'sibling' to reduce the need for a school to be required to predict a child's future continued attendance. The relevant admission rule in each case now refers to siblings of children who are either on the roll of the school (or, for primary admissions, attending the linked school) or have been offered a place already under the co-ordinated scheme for admission at the time allocations are

- made. For secondary schools this is limited to children on the roll in Years 7 to 10 (i.e. children who will be in the 6<sup>th</sup> form are not included for admissions purposes).
- Simplification of the descriptions of the schemes and clarity in the secondary scheme regarding the way Royal Grammar School boarding admissions will be managed.
  - Inclusion of references to the special arrangements proposed by the Admissions Forum and County Council with regard to the admission of vulnerable children (Appendix 5 refers in detail)
  - Changes to the admission arrangements for 6<sup>th</sup> forms as a result of changes to the usual methods of calculating points scores.
  - A small number of Admission Number changes by agreement with the relevant governing bodies (these are under constant review).

Please complete the response form and return by 28 February 2005. You can email it to [admissions@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@buckscc.gov.uk) or Fax to 10296 383016 or post your completed form to: Buckinghamshire County Council, County Hall, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UZ marking it for the attention of Debbie Munday.

Thank you for your interest and we would welcome any feedback.

Yours sincerely

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