

## 2018 -19 Admissions Consultation parent responses

219 parents responded to the consultation

Parent Responses	Do you agree with the proposal?	
	Yes	No
Reduce admission number for Little Chalfont Junior	1	13
Booker Hill & Millbrook catchment	3	190
Marlow catchment	3	28
Wendover / Halton catchment	1	11
Totteridge / Micklefield catchment	1	14
Stokenchurch Primary change	0	6
Great Kimble change	2	3
Monks Risborough change	2	3
Longwick change	1	4
Princes Risborough change	1	4
Haddenham Junior change	0	3
Misbourne catchment	0	4

<b>Response Text</b>
<b>Comments regarding Marlow</b>
Proposal for Spinfield Park to be in catchment for Spinfield and Foxes Piece. Seems geographically nonsensical. Children here have always gone to Spinfield or Danesfield which makes sense traffic wise. What is the point in children from East Marlow travelling to the west.
Marlow Schools Catchment Area: I strongly disagree with Foxes Piece School sharing the same catchment area as Spinfield School. Danesfield School is the most practical & sensible partner for Spinfield given location & demographic, amongst other valid reasons.
<b>Proposed Changes to school catchment areas in MARLOW</b>
My comment relates to section 4, changes to catchment in Marlow. As a local person in Marlow, the proposal to have a Danesfield catchment on the east of town and a Foxes Piece catchment on the west, makes no sense at all. The distances would mean that there would be more cars travelling greater distances across Marlow at rush hour, when the roads are already heavily congested. It would seem more practical to maintain priority for houses in the most geographically close to the schools.
I strongly disagree with the proposed changes to the Marlow catchment area. I believe the dual Spinfield/Danes field catchment should be extended further East. The proposed Marlow C of E/Danes field catchment should in fact be Marlow C of E/ Foxes Piece
Spinfield Marlow catchment being combined with Foxes piece when the area to the east of the high street is combined with Danesfield. This will add unnecessary traffic through the town centre and along the Henley road which is already congested at school times. By combining Spinfield with Danesfield traffic will avoid town centre and children will live closer to school.

Marlow schools.

I wish to lodge my strong objection to the proposed new school catchment areas. It makes no sense to allocate my and adjoining roads a dual catchment of Spinfield school/Foxes Piece school. The proposed dual Spinfield/Danesfield school catchment should be extended eastward to at least the Spinfield Lane boundary, if not further east.

Whilst there is a drive from where we live to Danesfield, this is a relatively straight forward drive due to our location on the western fringes of Marlow. To me, it would make no sense to be allocated a school at the opposite side of town which will surely mean a longer travel time - especially during rush hour traffic, which can only add to the already overloaded road capacity through the centre of town. This will add to the pollution problem which is been generated by our clogged up roads and should be addressed as part of the 2008 Climate Change Act.

To me, the proposed decision to split the current Marlow CE school catchment and allocate the lower area south of Chapel Street to be a dual Marlow CE /Danesfield school simply does not make sense and compounds the issue. Why potentially send the children in this area all the way across town by car, adding even more to the traffic and pollution problems, when it would make much more sense to make this area a dual Marlow CE/Foxes Piece school catchment area. This already borders the current Foxes Piece catchment area and will mean that everyone of these children will be able to walk to school easily.

To conclude, it seems a simple and the right decision to extend the proposed Spinfield/Danesfield school catchment area further east to at least Spinfield Lane as a minimum and then to amend the proposed Marlow CE/Danesfield school catchment area to be a Marlow CE/Foxes Piece catchment area.

Marlow Danesfield catchment

Should extend further to west, to include area around Spinfield Lane - this is obviously the most sensible area to include as nearest.

Should NOT extend to include area around Glade Road, this obviously should be in the new Foxes Piece catchment.

It's ridiculous sending kids across each other's paths to schools that they're not nearest - as if there isn't enough traffic in the town centre already.

This has been badly thought through but hopefully common sense will prevail.

MARLOW AREA

I would like to put forward my feedback on the proposed new catchment area. I live in Spinfield Park and object to the current proposal as I believe this area would be much better served to have dual catchment with Spinfield/Danesfield than the current proposal.

Spinfield Park is currently in Spinfield school catchment but one of the areas where children do not always get a place at their catchment school. Most of these children go on to attend Danesfield school. It is proposed to make this a dual catchment area with Foxes Piece school. There aren't many, if any, children from this area who attend Foxes Piece school.

Whilst there is little difference in the distance between the 2 schools, the journey to Foxes Piece takes significantly longer.

The 2008 Climate Change Act made a commitment to reducing greenhouse gases and other emissions from transport by moving to a more energy efficient, low-carbon economy in the UK.

By allocating children in West Marlow a catchment school on the opposite side of the town centre, it would result in further congestion and emissions in an already busy area, especially at peak times. It makes no sense for children living in West Marlow to have to travel through the town centre to Foxes Piece school, whilst children that are considerably nearer to Foxes Piece would be travelling in the opposite direction to their newly allocated catchment school of Danesfield.

Additionally, for the out of catchment children in this area, already attending Danesfield, a much larger number would make use of the currently under-utilised school bus if they were in catchment. This would therefore reduce emissions and congestion rather than further aggravate the current problems.

I would propose and support an extension of the new Danesfield/Spinfield dual catchment further east, as a minimum to Spinfield Lane. This would additionally incorporate Spinfield Park, Spinfield Lane West, a section of the Henley Road, Nursery Walk, Spinfield Mount, and Stables Court.

To offset this increase in the Danesfield catchment, the proposed Marlow CofE/Danesfield catchment east of the High Street and South of Spittal Street should be Marlow CofE/Foxes Piece catchment, which would be the common sense option as this is in the immediate vicinity of Foxes Piece school. Most children in this area would be able to walk to Foxes Piece, resulting in no increase in traffic and congestion through the town centre and a significant decrease compared to the existing proposal.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding the next stage of the consultation process.

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Yours Faithfully  
{name redacted}

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Section 4: proposed changes to school catchments in the Marlow area.

Surely logic states that children should have as short a journey to school as possible? Why then are changes being proposed such that children in the Spinfield catchment (west side of Marlow) could end up at Foxes Piece (east side of Marlow)? Furthermore, children on the east side of Marlow could end up at Danesfield (on the west side of Marlow)?

This makes no sense at all. If changes are to be made, and I agree that they have to, to allow for changes in demographics, then let's use the opportunity to ensure our children live as close to their school as possible.

This has ramifications beyond the obvious benefits for the children, including more support for extra-curricular activities from parents within easy walking distance and a real increased sense of belonging to a community.

Proposed changes to school catchment areas in the Marlow area - I have reviewed the proposed changes to the catchment areas in Marlow. The groupings of the catchments of Spinfield School and Foxes Piece makes no logical sense given the location of the schools and the catchment. It would clearly be more sensible to group the catchment of Spinfield School and Danesfield School given the proximity of these schools. Dividing the catchment in the proposed way will simply result in a further increase in traffic during the morning and afternoon rush hours in an already congested town centre as school runs would have to travel west to east of the town and east to west to get to the schools. If the catchments were Daenesfield and Spinfield then the west side of the town's catchment would be grouped with the schools on the west of the town and the east of the town with the schools on the eastern side which is a much more logical solution and would avoid further traffic congestion which would arise as a result of the proposed changes.

The area you have marked as Spinfield & Foxes Piece - would make more sense as Spinfield & Danesfield. The area marked as Marlow CE and Danesfield should be Foxes Piece and Marlow CE

The proposals combine schools on opposite sides of Marlow: it would be more logical to pair geographically Spinfield with Danesfield, thereby facilitating childrens travel from home to school.

Regarding 'Admission rules for voluntary controlled and community primary schools', pertaining to Marlow. I disagree strongly with the proposed inclusion of Foxes Piece to the Spinfield catchment area. We live in West Marlow and have a young child. In order to travel to Foxes Piece (it's too far to walk) we would need to drive through the centre of town through an already overburdened and traffic heavy road infrastructure. At the same time, Danesfield school is being added to a catchment area on the East side of the town behind All Saints church, which means people would be getting in their cars and driving the opposite direction out to Danesfield school, creating double the traffic. The people in this area are only a few minutes walk from Foxes Piece. It makes no sense to add Danesfield to a catchment area in the East and Foxes Piece to one in the West. Spinfield should be expanded to include Danesfield and the area around All Saints church should be Marlow CE and Foxes Piece, otherwise it will create an intolerable pressure on the already fragile road infrastructure.

Regarding the proposed Marlow catchment changes, please give consideration to expanding the proposed extension of the 'Spinfield and Danesfield' area further east, e.g. to Spinfield Lane. This would recognise the current situation where many children in this area are admitted to Danesfield school as opposed to their catchment school (Spinfield).

### **Comments regarding Booker Hill /Millbrook catchment**

Question 3 I don't agree changes to school catchment line between booker hill and Millbrook because it be 20 minutes walk to Millbrook to main road were there is no safety to children cross. Plus bookerhill school is 5 minutes walk then Millbrook school. My answer is no.

Booker Hill School catchment area

Booker Hill School: there is no where safe to cross the main roads at the bottom of New Road/Lane End Road. I think it's madness to expect more young families to risk their lives on a daily basis to

walk to Millbrook when they could have a much safer walk to Booker Hill. Also replacing housing with woodland for Booker Hill's catchment will have a negative impact on the school.
Booker Hill / Millbrook
I don't want Millbrook with Marlow
Booker hill and Millbrook catchment proposed changes are not beneficial to pupils
Booker Hill school is an excellent school, I just don't get it. It appears that you are looking to close this school down. Question is why ? This school is right in the heart of our community and has always played a big part in peoples lives.
Section 3 - There is no logical reason for this proposed realignment. Children close to and with a safe route to Booker Hill School will end up having to travel further and across more roads to Millbrook. The change should not be made.
Regarding: Booker Hill & Millbrook School It is NOT safe for Parents to have to cross New Road and take their child to Millbrook School when Hillbrook is only 0.4miles away. There is no logic about this????
I do not want this to happen between Millbrook and Booker Hill
Bookerhill is amazing BEST SCHOOL IN HIGH WYCOMBE!!!!(Booker Hill)
Booker hill school and Millbrook
I don't think this should go ahead because Booker Hill is a smaller school with one form entry,which makes it easier for children to settle in also a very popular school parents to grandparents hav attended this school.Also on the map showing what side Booker hills catchment area is.It is mostly woods and on the other side elderly housing,who are not going to have children and therefore less children coming and that means people loosing their jobs.
Booker Hill School
Booker Hill School - this would greatly affect both the children at the school, families with children at the school and links with the local community.
The catchment area between the schools was last realigned as recently as August 2015. This resulted in the housing to the bottom of Booker Hill Road being lost from Booker Hill School and given over to Millbrook. The impact of this left several parents distraught and confused as to why they were not in catchment for the school 0.4 miles from their house, yet in catchment for the school 0.8 miles from home. For some families this also resulted in siblings living in the same house falling into different catchment areas. As a Governing Body we also find this decision illogical and very difficult to explain to parents.
I feel the catchment area should not change as booker hill has poor disadvantaged children to need a small supportive school they can walk too
why change the catchment area for schools?
Booker Hill school
Booker Hill School.  I am a single mum with three young kids. My baby is very poorly and needs oxygen. If you change the catchment line I will have to push a pram, manage a toddler and a young child along major roads, risk safety crossing at the bottom of New a Road and walk up Mill End Road. Why would you make me do this when the best school for my kids is just a 10 min walk from my house? This idea has not been thought through at all.  Booker Hill has a fantastic reputation, the teachers there do an excellent job. The Council should be protecting this school not reducing the catchment line every two years.
Booker Hill School
Bucks County Council Admission consultation 2018 Bookerhill School Catchment. Our son attends and we wish for our daughter, currently in their nursery, also to attend this school. Our elderly Mother in law cannot walk to Millbrook School from

Highwood Crescent. Or indeed drop-off at 2 schools every day. { name redacted}
Against proposed changes to school catchments areas between Booker Hill school and Millbrook school. Parent should be allocated to a closer walkable school (0.4 miles to Boorkerhill school rather than 0.8 miles + no safe route and no parking - double yellow lines around Millbrook school + very busy roundabouts/roads with no traffic lights for children or even adult to cross the road safely).
BookerHill Primary school and nursery.
My comment relates to the proposed change to Booker Hill /Millbrook catchment areas. This is the second time that the council have attempted to adjust the school catchment in favour of Millbrook School. In August 2015 the housing at the very bottom of Booker Hill Road was lost to Millbrook. Both my daughters attend Booker Hill and we know families where who live on Booker Hill Road who are no longer in catchment for the school that is 0.4 miles away yet are in catchment for Millbrook which is 0.8 miles away. As a result siblings have been split with the older sibling placed at Booker Hill and the younger sibling placed at Millbrook. Clearly this is a nonsense and is totally unacceptable.
I have no idea why the council feel the need tinker with this but as well as the ridiculous issue related above it also causes increased traffic/congestion and parking problems.
Booker Hill Primary and Millbrook.
BookerHill primary and nursery school.
I believe that if the catchment changes, children will loose the support of nurture and personal social and emotional support that is given greatly from our one form entry school.
Booker Hill Primary and Nursery School. Because we are a one form entry school, we are able to nurture the children because of their particular social and economical circumstances.
bookerhill primary and nursery school
because we are a one form entry school we nurture the children who are in desperate need because of their social and economical circumstances if our area is made smaller it means these children would have to go to a three form entry school where their needs would not be met
Booker hill primary and Nursery School. I believe that the school is meeting the children's economical and social backgrounds greatly as the school is only a one form entry. Therefore meaning we are able to support the children greatly with trained staff and nurture is given greatly to those who need it. If the school loses children, this cannot be done due to the more form entry the less nurture children will receive.
Booker Hill School
Proposed changes to catchment area of Booker Hill School - Strongly disagree
The 2018/19 admission arrangements consultation for proposed changes to school catchments areas between Booker Hill school and Millbrook school
Booker Hill School catchment area change
The present boundary between Booker Hill and Millbrook does not need to change. Booker Hill serves its present catchment area extremely well.
I strongly disagree with the proposal to reduce Bookerhill Catchment. This will have a huge and adverse effect on the lives of many families and the community as a whole. It is a selfish proposal that takes no consideration to the impact of every day travel of families in Booker.
Booker hill school is at 2 minutes walk from my home which is at booker hill road...So i strongly disagree with the proposal to reduce the booker hill school catchment area.
Relating to BOOKER HILL SCHOOL

The catchment area for Booker Hill has already been made smaller in 2015 and this has caused some parents having young children at two different schools. Removing housing from the catchment area and replacing it with woodland is clearly going to have a negative impact on the school.

The teachers at Booker Hill are fantastic with the children and I would hate to think that their skills would be lost when trying to grow an alternative school.

I am also confused as to why children would not be in catchment for the school 0.4 miles from their house, yet in catchment for the school 0.8 miles from home.

I would therefore hope that proposed changes to school catchment line between Booker Hill and Millbrook be reviewed.

Changing the catchment area of Bookerhill school to a further distance for catchment ie Millbrook is ridiculous. How can your local school no longer be in catchment. Those that do not drive will now have to walk along a main busy road to get to the school. There is no safe crossing.

Booker Hill / Millbrook

There is no reason stated for the proposed changes to the catchment areas.

The map provided is misleading in that it does not indicate the locations of the schools.

The proposed catchment areas will result in children having to travel double the distance to attend Millbrook as opposed to Booker Hill. The route to Millbrook involves crossing a very dangerous junction if children are to walk to school.

Parents will then opt to use cars, which will add to an already very congested traffic area.

The proposed additions to Booker Hill catchment area is mainly woodland and housing for the elderly so will not compensate for the school losing part of their current catchment.

I think Booker Hill and Millbrook should not join together

Booker hill, I don't agree with your proposal at all.

Booker hill school I believe the catchment area is too small all ready and parents are having to travel to others schools that are further away and adding risk to there journey to school

The changes to Millbrook and Booker Hill catchment is unfair.

Millbrook

Bookerhill - crazy - stop messing around with catchment areas

I am vehemently opposed to altering the catchment line between Booker Hill and Millbrook Schools. Through changing the school catchment line between the two schools, Booker Hill will have a reduced amount of viable housing as they will lose family housing but gain woodland and sheltered accommodation. Families within a short walk to Booker Hill will have Millbrook as their catchment school and will have to travel much further. With Booker Hill serving an area with deprivation as a factor, families will struggle to reach the further distanced school which will affect well-being and attendance. Booker Hill is a highly popular school and reducing its catchment are to omit families living on Booker Hill Road is unfair and illogical.

I THINK YOU SHOULD'NT CLOSE THE ROADS FOR BOOKER HILL BECAUSE IT IS NOT FAIR FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN BOOKER HILL ROAD

Regarding: Booker Hill and Millbrook school.

I do not think it makes a lot of sense that parents should have to travel 0.8 miles to a school, when Booker Hill School is only 0.4 miles away. It would be very dangerous for parents with little children or prams to cross the main road (New Road) as there are no traffic lights at the bottom of this road and it is almost impossible to park.

Regarding: Booker Hill & Millbrook School

It is NOT safe for Parents to have to cross New Road and take their child to Millbrook School when Hillbrook is only 0.4 miles away. There is no logic about this????

Booker Hill School - I live on New Road and my Daughter attends Booker Hill School not only because it is in our catchment area but also because the school is very good and I feel that changing the catchment area for Bookerhill to cover woodland and old people's residences is absolutely absurd. New Road is a terrible road at rush hour when the children are going to be going to school and it would not be long before an accident occurred as there is no safe place to cross the main road at all. I hope that you will seriously reconsider changing the catchment areas of Booker hill and Millbrook schools

I THINK THAT EVERYONE SHOULD BE AT BOOKERHILL SCHOOL

I will not allow my child to go to Millbrook school because we live too far away!

I do not allow my child to go to Millbrook school because we live 20 minutes away!

Millbrook have taken a part of Bookerhill road already I think they should not take more as it would not be fair if the people living on Bookerhill road are not allowed to come to Bookerhill school.

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Proposed changes to catchment area of Booker Hill School - Strongly disagree

No school identified

NO

longer walking distances and crossing of busy roads not safe for young children

not fair

This school has so many talented children and classes but that is only with one class per year, so if you take parts of our catchment area, how can children come to our amazing school. PLEASE STOP TAKING OUR HOUSES!

I am very angry that this has been proposed without prior discussion with the school.