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Relevant Area.

The School Standards & Framework Act 1998 requires Local Authorities to establish Relevant Area(s) for admission policy consultations. The Relevant Area is the area in which admission authorities must consult with schools regarding their proposed admission arrangements before finalising them.

The Education Act 2002 requires the local authority to consult on and review its Relevant Area every two years. The following Relevant Area was determined by Reading Borough Council in 2017 as follows:

1. Reading Borough Council will consult on admission arrangements for primary/infant and junior schools with:

- Headteachers and governing bodies of all schools in Reading Borough;
- Neighbouring local authorities – Oxfordshire County Council, West Berkshire Council and Wokingham Borough Council;
- Diocesan authorities - Oxford Church of England Diocese, Portsmouth and Birmingham Catholic Diocese;
- All academies, voluntary aided or foundation secondary schools within 8 kilometres (5 miles) of Reading Borough border;
- All academies, voluntary aided or foundation primary/junior/infant schools within 3.2 kilometres (2 miles) of the Reading Borough border.

2. Having first consulted with the appropriate Diocese, **primary** voluntary aided schools must consult with:

- Reading Borough Council;
- All primary/infant and junior and maintained nursery schools in Reading Borough;
- Neighbouring local authorities – Oxfordshire County Council, West Berkshire Council and Wokingham Borough Council;
- All academies, voluntary aided or foundation primary/junior and infants schools outside Reading Borough within 3.2 kilometres (2 miles) of the school.

3. Primary Academies and Foundation and Trust schools must consult with:

- Reading Borough Council;
- All primary/infant/junior and maintained nursery schools in Reading Borough;

- Neighbouring local authorities – Oxfordshire County Council, West Berkshire Council and Wokingham Borough Council;
- All academies, voluntary aided or foundation primary/junior and infants schools outside Reading Borough within 3.2 (2 miles) kilometres of the school.

4. Secondary academies and foundation schools must consult with:

- Reading Borough Council;
- All primary/junior and secondary schools within Reading Borough;
- Neighbouring local authorities – Oxfordshire County Council, West Berkshire Council and Wokingham Borough Council;
- All academies, voluntary aided or foundation secondary schools within 8 kilometres (five miles) of Reading Borough border;
- All academies, voluntary aided or foundation primary/junior schools within 3.2 kilometres (2 miles) of the Reading Borough border.

5. Having first consulted with the appropriate Diocese, **Secondary** Voluntary Aided schools must consult with:

- Reading Borough Council;
- All primary/junior and secondary schools within Reading Borough;
- Neighbouring local authorities – Oxfordshire County Council, West Berkshire Council and Wokingham Borough Council;
- All academies, voluntary aided or foundation secondary schools within 8 kilometres (5 miles) of Reading Borough border;
- All academies, voluntary aided or foundation primary/junior schools within 3.2 kilometres (2 miles) of the Reading Borough border.