



## School Admission Co-Ordinated Scheme & Policy 2027/2028 Consultation

### Overview

*This paragraph acts as the introduction to your consultation. This should be some concise paragraphs that explain what your consultation is about.*

*Briefly describe:*

- *What we are consulting on -*  
We have reviewed our Co-Ordinated Admissions Scheme for Primary, Infant, Junior and Secondary schools for Reading Borough Council for the 2026/2027 academic year and our Admissions Policy for Infant, Junior and Primary Schools 2026/2027. As a result we are proposing some minor amendments. You can read the full documents below and give your feedback on the proposed amendments [here](#)

- *Timings of the consultation (when it will close, when results will be published etc.)*

The consultation will take place between 17 October and 28 November 2025

- *What additional information is available (provide full proposal documents, other media links)*

Copies of the documents we are consulting on are attached

### Why We Are Consulting

*Explain your reasons for consulting. This helps respondents further understand the purpose of the consultation.*

The School Admissions code of 2021 section 1.45 says all admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements at least every 7 years. It has been 7 years since Reading Borough Council last consulted on its admissions arrangements and therefore we must consult this year. We welcome your feedback on the proposed changes.

Please read the full document(s) below and give your feedback on the proposed amendments by clicking ([here/ the title of the document](#)).

## What Happens Next

*A report on the response to this consultation will be made at the Council's Adult Social Care, Children's Services & Education Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026.' The schemes and policy will be determined by 28 February 2026 and will be available on the website*

### Consultation questions

#### Co-Ordinated Admissions Scheme for Primary, Infant and Junior Schools

*Proposed change page 5 - Clarify that any change of preference to online applications after the 15 January must be done so by emailing the Reading School Admissions Team*

#### *1) Do you agree with this change*

*Yes/ No*

*If no please provide comments*

#### *Proposed change page 7 -*

*Previously parents who submitted a paper application were posted the outcome of the application on National offer day via 2<sup>nd</sup> class post. This meant families were delayed getting the information of the allocated school for their child*

*The proposal is that Parents/carers who submitted a paper application and provided an email address will receive an email on national offer day with a formal offer. Any paper applications without an email address will receive details of their offer by letter (posted 2nd Class) as before.*

#### *2) Do you agree with this change*

*Yes/ No*

*If no please provide comments*

#### *3) Do you have any other comments on the Co-Ordinated Admissions Scheme for Primary, Infant and Junior Schools*

#### Co-Ordinated Admissions Scheme for Secondary Schools

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#### *4) Do you agree with this change*

*Yes/ No*

*If no please provide comments*

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***5) Do you agree with this change***

*Yes/ No*

*If no please provide comments*

***6) Do you have any other comments on the Co-Ordinated Admissions Scheme for Secondary Schools***

***Admissions Policy for Infant, Junior and Primary Schools 2027/2028.***

***Proposed change page 14 - to clarify for in-year admissions Category 6 of the Oversubscription Criteria for Community Primary and Infant Schools does not apply***

***7) Do you agree with this change***

*Yes/ No*

*If no please provide comments*

***Proposed change page 15 - It is proposed that there will be a reduction to the Pupil Admissions Numbers for the following community and voluntary controlled schools***

<b><i>School</i></b>	<b><i>Current PAN</i></b>	<b><i>Proposed PAN</i></b>
<i>Micklands Primary School</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Moorlands Primary</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Whitley Park Primary School</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>60</i>

*By reducing published admissions numbers, these proposals will allow the schools in question to organise in a more structurally viable way and enable them to achieve financial viability, which will in turn, directly support the quality of education at the school.*

8) *Do you agree with this change*

*Yes/ No*

*If no please provide comments*

9) *Do you have any other comments on the Admissions Policy for Infant, Junior and Primary Schools 2027/2028?*

### *The Relevant Area 2027*

As per the school admissions code the relevant area is the area for a school within which the admission authority for that school must consult all other prescribed schools on its admission arrangements.

It is for the local authority to determine that area and review it every two years.

The local authority is not proposing any changes to the relevant area

10) *Do you have any comments on The Relevant Area 2027?*

### *Primary designations 2027*

As per the school admissions code, a school can have designations (Catchment areas). Catchment areas must be designed so that they are reasonable and clearly defined. Catchment areas do not prevent parents who live outside the catchment of a particular school from expressing a preference for the school.

As the admissions Authority for Community Primary School in Reading it is up to the local Authority to review each catchment area every 7 Years.

The local authority is not proposing any changes to the Primary designations (Catchment areas)

11) *Do you have any comments on the Primary designations (Catchment areas) 2027*

*Extra demographic question need to be mandatory*

*Please indicate whether you are responding to these proposals as:-*

- *Resident*
- *parent*

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- *Family or friend of a parent*
- *Voluntary organisation*
- *Public Sector*
- *Employee of Reading Borough Council*
- *School*
- *Another Local Authority*
- *Other - please state*

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