

Have your say on Leicestershire's School Admissions Consultation entry from Autumn 2022

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Online: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/school-admissions-consultation

For general enquiries or comments about this consultation
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Public consultation: Opens 13 November 2020 and closes midnight 27
December 2021

Why do we need to consult?

There is a legal framework that all admission authorities must adhere to when seeking to make changes to their admission arrangements i.e. when seeking to reduce a school's admission number. This framework is set out within legislation but also within a statute in the national School Admissions Code and requires an admitting authority to carry out a consultation exercise (for a minimum of six weeks). The earliest the consultation may be launched is 1 October 2020 and must close before the end of January 2021.

Following the consultation, the changes are then required to be ratified by Cabinet before 28 February 2021, to ensure adherence to the Code.

Leicestershire is therefore seeking views to reduce the admission number to one of its maintained primary schools. This is in response to low birth rates in the local area.

Who we are consulting with?

Our primary consultees (stakeholders) will be parents and governors of Martinshaw Primary School. In addition, as required we also intend to take views from all Leicestershire schools including academies, voluntary-controlled schools, aided schools, community special schools, pre-school providers, district councils, neighbouring LAs, Church of England diocese and Catholic diocese and is open on our website for any other agency.

Why does Leicestershire County Council get involved with this?

The law requires all school admitting authorities to run a formal consultation when it is seeking to make changes to their current admissions arrangement, as detail in the National School Admissions Code 2014.

Who will the changes affect?

Although all Leicestershire schools will be invited to provide a view, the changes will only affect the Martinshaw Primary school.

Who determines the local authority's admissions policy?

The consultation must run between 1 October 2020 and the end of January 2021 for a minimum of six weeks. Once the consultation has closed, responses will be collated, and recommendations will be put forward to Cabinet to ratify by the 28 February 2021, in accordance with the law.

Why are we consulting?

The law requires all admitting authorities to consult if they are seeking to make changes to reduce an admission number. The reason why we are seeking to reduce the admission number at Martinshaw Primary School is predicated on the low birth rates in the school's catchment area and to avoid the school falling into a negative budget position when it can be avoided by reducing the admission number.

What are we consulting on?

The Local Authority as the admitting authority for Martinshaw Primary School, is seeking to reduce the school's admission number from 45 to 30, to come into force from entry 2022 in Reception Class.

What happens if births increase?

If our forecasts demonstrate an increase in births in the catchment area of Martinshaw Primary School, the law allows the admitting authority to increase the admission number without requirement to consult.

How will the consultation work and how can I get involved?

The consultation will run from 13 November 2020 and will close at midnight on **27 December 2021**. The survey is available online at:
www.leicestershire.gov.uk/school-admissions-consultation

Once the consultation closes and views are gathered, they must be presented to the Cabinet with recommendations who will then determine, if they wish, for the change to be ratified or not. Cabinet's outcome must then be published on the Local Authority's website.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to someone concern the proposal:
Email: Gurjit.Bahra@Leics.gov.uk or Telephone: 0116 305 6324

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