

Drop in meetings for parents and other stakeholders – 23 September to 15 October 2003

Parents who currently send a child to Comart

Frequently asked questions

Will the children all be sent to Falmer or Portslade?

Will they get bus passes?

Will there be any help with clothing grants?

If the school closes, can all my children transfer to the same schools?

How will we get places in other schools?

Parents who do not use, or plan to use, Comart

Frequently asked questions

How will this affect my Child's chance of getting into Dorothy Stringer / Hove Park / Cardinal Newman?

How will the dispersal be arranged?

How will the schools cope with the additional special needs?

We already have many East Brighton students, will we get more?

Will class sizes increase?

Will the distribution be even across all the schools?

What will these students bring as assets?

How will the costs of closure be met?

What will happen to staff?

Should you be depriving a community of its schools?

What are the local social costs of no secondary education?

How have you as an authority let things get to this stage? Too many lost opportunities.

Will children gain in confidence if they leave the Estate for education?

The Authority must ensure that East Brighton children get an equal quality education and if that means shutting Comart, we must all work through the consequences.

Could you get the overall admissions system right so that I no longer have to pay to send my child to an independent school to avoid Comart?

I totally support comprehensive education but Comart is no longer comprehensive.

Could you create a sixth form in the area? Many children are leaving the city to attend Lewes.

Parents who attended the discussion session for those who send their children to another City Secondary School

I compared the curriculum time allocation and Comart did too little Maths and English.

I never got a reply to my request to visit the school

They finish early on Fridays

No Uniform

Induction booklet has one page on teaching and learning and five on behaviour

Always see pupils out on the streets during the school day.

Many stories of bad behaviour – some confirmed by experience.

Inability to keep a head teacher.

My children chose their schools and the one who chose Comart is doing well and is happy.