

**School Admission Arrangements for 2013/14:
Summary of school and parental responses to the consultation**

Responses to Admissions Arrangements for Community Infant, Junior and Primary Schools 2013/14

From the responses received there were only 3 that supported a reversion to 'as the crow flies' distance measurement.

Responses to the Admissions Arrangements for Community Secondary Schools, BACA and PACA from 2013/14

The Council received 41 Responses to the consultation through the Consultation Portal.

- 20% said the Catchment Areas boundaries are correct
- 80% said that we should continue to use catchment areas
- 88% felt we should continue to use exceptional circumstances as an admissions priority
- 61% said we should use the sibling link within catchment areas only
- 46% said we should continue to use random allocation as a tie break

Written comments related to these areas were varied and are included in the documentation provided in the members' rooms.

The Council also received 49 e-mails from parents opposing the possible expansion of the Dorothy Stringer/Varndean catchment area and 51 e-mails from parents supporting this.

Analysis of these responses and the specific and detailed response from Patcham High School Governing Body raises a number of issues regarding the number of pupils within catchment areas and the future provision of secondary places within the City.

The Governing Body of Portslade Aldridge Community Academy (PACA) has given their full support to the proposal to expand their Catchment area. They have also asked that future consideration be given to expanding the area further into the West Hove area.

The Governing Body of Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (BACA) have highlighted the large number of pupil from within their catchment area who access places in other areas, particularly Patcham. They suggest that existing transport arrangements in their area compound this situation. They have also asked that future consideration be given to expanding their catchment area to include Coldean lane and Lewes road.

