

Most frequently asked questions:

Why do we need to propose changes to Glasgow secondary school catchment areas?

At the moment some of our secondary schools have a catchment area that gives pupils in associated primary schools the right to attend (non-delineated) and in others, pupils who live in a certain area surrounding the secondary school – basically a line on a map (delineated) – the right to attend that school.

The proposed changes – should they be agreed – will make all secondary school catchment areas based on a geographical area around each school and making it a simpler and straightforward process for families and carers.

Why do we need to propose changes to Glasgow School placing criteria?

The current policy has not been updated in more than 10 years. The proposed changes reflect the way life, schools and families in the city have developed.

The changes are intended to make the placing request process clearer, fairer and a simpler, straightforward exercise for parents and families wishing to make a placing request.

Are the changes intended to reduce the number of placing requests granted?

No, as per Scottish Government legislation, anyone can apply to a school of their choice.

It is not anticipated that the number of placing requests will change if any of the proposed changes go ahead.

Why are catchment areas not the same across the city?

Catchment areas have evolved as schools have closed, merged or new primary schools have opened in an area.

The council is taking the opportunity to ensure that there is a fair and universal criteria for all 30 secondary schools across the city.

How will the changes affected families, pupils and future pupils?

It's anticipated that any changes agreed will only affect a small percentage of families in Glasgow – estimated at around 5%.

If the proposals go ahead, when will the changes be introduced?

If agreed at the City Administration Committee, the public consultation will begin on 14 May and runs until 24 September.

Education officers will then need to compile a responses report which will then go back to a future City Administration Committee in early 2019 with recommendations for elected members to vote on.

It would be expected that the new catchment area and placing request criteria would be in place for start of new school term in August 2020.

Where can you get a copy of the full consultation document?

Hard copies of the summary document will be available in all Glasgow City Council schools and nurseries, council libraries and from Education Services Head office.

You can also access a full consultation document copy online www.glasgow.gov.uk/schoolconsultations – all council libraries in Glasgow have free internet access.

Can anyone come along to a public meeting?

Yes, public meetings will be held across the city and anyone with an interest in the consultation is invited to attend. Full details and dates of the meetings will be communicated via the communication channels outlined above.

Public notices will also be placed in local newspapers with dates, times and information of each of the public meetings being held across the city.

Consultation documents also contain a full timeline and timescales for the consultations.

How can people make their views known?

Anyone can make their views known by filling in our Survey Monkey response and can be accessed on line <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GDWCFHX>

– via your smartphone, computer or mobile device etc – if you have no internet access you can get free internet access in GCC libraries across the city or if you have a child at a GCC school, asking the Headteacher about accessing a school computer.

What are the timescales of the consultation and when will the outcomes be published?

A full timetable of dates are published in the consultation document and at the end of the consultation, council officials will compile the responses and a report with recommendations will go to a future City Administration Committee for elected members to discuss and vote on. The outcomes will be communicated via the communication channels listed above.

What if I want to propose a change to my local catchment area?

The response survey provides an opportunity for any respondent to propose changes. Officers will then assess those proposals and include a response in the final response document. These may require a further statutory consultation.