



PROPOSAL TO REVIEW AND IMPROVE THE PLACING REQUEST CRITERIA FOR MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY). (summary document*)

Education Services promotes the advantages of 'local schools for local children', ie that children attend their local catchment-area school. Catchment-area schools are allocated in relation to the location of the permanent residence of the child/young person. However, Education Services also recognises the rights of parents to make a placing request for their child/children to be educated in a school other than their local 'catchment-area' school.

Placing requests can be made to:

- Any **Mainstream School** managed by Glasgow City Council
- Any **Additional Support for Learning School** managed by Glasgow City Council and
- Any **Independent Special School**.

Placing request criteria are used to determine the allocation of places for children in situations where there are more children seeking places in a school than there are places available. The same placing request criteria are also used to allocate places in over-subscription situations. Over-subscription occurs when the number of children who reside within the catchment-area exceeds the number of spaces available in the school.

School rolls in the city are steadily increasing after decades of reduction. This necessitates that Education Services effectively plans to ensure future capacity is met.

Placing requests are part of the entry requirements for schools, therefore, changes to placing request criteria are covered by the Schools Consultation (Scotland) Act 2010 and require statutory consultation in line with the Act.

So that you can inform us of your thoughts, we've set up a webpage – www.glasgow.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

Due to the extensive nature of the consultation, responses will be gathered via a Survey Monkey questionnaire which is also available on the website.

We will read and consider every response. Once we have collated and analysed the responses, we will produce a report which will be presented to councillors who will then decide whether to go ahead with the proposals outlines above.

If you require the document in any other format please contact Education Services:

- From all schools
- Online at schoolconsultations@glasgow.gov.uk
- At Education Services, City Chambers East, 40 John Street, Glasgow G1 1JL
- Or by calling 0141 287 4327

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Where a Council brings forward proposals to change catchment areas, there is a requirement to carry out a public consultation within the statutory framework defined by the Schools (Consultation)(Scotland) Act 2010.

Consultation papers have been distributed to a wide range of stakeholders and interested parties including:

- Education Scotland (HMI)
- Parents/carers/pupils
- Appropriate staff
- Trades Unions
- Community Councils
- Area Partnerships
- Elected Members
- Groups formed under Part 2 of the Local Government in Scotland Act (2003)
- Other users of the school premises.

The indicative timetable for the consultation is as per the table below.

Date	Action
14 May 2018	Start of Public Consultation period (Advert)
5 June 2018	Public meeting at 7pm in Drumchapel High
12 June 2018	Public meeting at 7pm in Springburn Academy
19 June 2018	Public meeting at 7pm in St Paul's High School
16 August 2018	Public meeting at 7pm in St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School
21 August 2018	Public meeting at 7pm in Whitehill Secondary School
4 September 2018	Public meeting at 7pm in St Margaret Mary's Secondary School
24 September 2018	End of Public Consultation period
1 October 2018	Information to Education Scotland for report (3 week period)
TBC	Consultation response report published at least 3 weeks prior to Executive Committee
TBC	Report to City Administration Committee

SCOTTISH MINISTERS' CALL-IN

The Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 as amended, does not make provisions for referral to Scottish Ministers in cases other than school closures.