

Below is a summary of the consultation responses. Sixteen people responded.

Of these 16:

11 confirmed that they are parents.

7 of them confirmed that they attend Bracknell Forest schools, 2 confirmed that they attend school outside of Bracknell Forest.

14 of them confirmed they form part of the Bracknell Forest community. This is made up of Governors, Secretary to the Teachers Association, child-minder, Teacher and just live in Bracknell Forest.

RBWM and Wokingham also responded (without comment).

A summary of the numbers of responses to each question posed is below:

Reducing the PAN at Ascot Heath Infant School

Number of Responses	Agree	Disagree	Not Indicated
16	14	1	1

The responses showed an overwhelming agreement to this change. The comments indicated that the transition from infant to junior school was very difficult for parents and children and this would greatly reduce the anxiety that this brings.

There was no comment from the disagree response.

Reducing the PAN at Garth Hill College

Number of Responses	Agree	Disagree	Not Indicated
16	9	4	3

A number of the comments refer to the school being large already and that a reduction in the PAN would be welcomed.

A comment was made that before reducing the pan the local authority should ensure that there are enough school places for children coming through the system.

comment from LA

This concern will be satisfied by the September 2018 phased opening of Binfield Learning Village.

Making the criteria easier to understand

Number of Responses	Agree	Disagree	Not Indicated
16	13	0	3

Two comments were received; one stated that making it easier to understand was a good thing. The other is reproduced below:

“It amazes and disgusts me that our state schools are still able to discriminate against our children on admissions if they do not attend church. The denominational admissions criterion should be abolished and all children in the local community should be treated equally regardless of faith or belief. This is more apparent at Ascot Heath Juniors where the vast majority are not religious and do not attend church, yet the school is still allowed to discriminate against these children.

We need an admissions criteria that is fully in-line and supports the local community. The denominational criteria is also hypocritical as faith schools preach "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" yet they are happy to give preference to their own and discriminate against those who are not. This is UK in 2017 yet we have an archaic medieval policy in place!"

Comment from LA -

The denominational criterion is a legitimate criterion that can be used by schools. The consultation on admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools is carried out by the local authority.

Voluntary controlled school governors were written to in May 2015 asking whether they would like the local authority to consult on removing the denominational criterion. Ascot Heath declined this offer.

Updating the Relevant Area

Number of Responses	Agree	Disagree	Not Indicated
16	1	0	15

There were no comments to this.