

Consultation on school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools (GCC Schools) Academic Year 2025/2026

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires all admission authorities to consult upon their admission arrangements if changes are to be made or if there are no changes, at least once every 7 years. Gloucestershire County Council, as the admission authority for all Community (C) and Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools last consulted upon their admission arrangements in 2016, therefore we are now due a full consultation.

The current oversubscription criteria give priority in the following order:

- 1.** A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements order or special guardianship order (1) including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 2.** Children who will have siblings attending the school at the time the applicant child is admitted.
- 3.** Children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the Ordnance Survey address point of the child's home address (including flats) to the Ordnance Survey address point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

We will not be making any changes to these admission arrangements for the academic year 2025-2026 therefore the priority for admission to Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Gloucestershire will remain the same as above.

The link to this consultation is

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagemthq.com/school-admission-arrangements-2025-consultation>

One of our schools is also consulting on a reduction of their Published Admission Number for 2025. The link for this consultation is

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagemthq.com/beece-green-primary-school-school-admission-consultation>

If you have any comments to make about the admission arrangements for 2025-2026, please do so via the consultation page.

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