



SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

Consultation on proposed admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2026



Introduction

Surrey County Council is consulting on proposed changes to admission arrangements for some community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2026.

Details of the changes being proposed are set out in this document.

The proposed admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools are set out in the following documents:

Annex 1	Admission arrangements for community & voluntary controlled schools
Appendix 1	Published admission numbers
Appendix 2	Schools to operate shared sibling priority
Appendix 3	Catchment map for Southfield Park Primary School
Appendix 4	Catchment map for Stamford Green Primary School
Appendix 5	Catchment map for Walton on the Hill Primary School
Appendix 6	Supplementary form for social/medical applicants
Appendix 7	Supplementary form for staff applicants

An equality impact assessment is included as **Annex 2**.

What changes are being proposed?

1. Reigate Priory School – Reigate and Banstead

For September 2026, the local authority is proposing to reduce the published admission number (PAN) at Reception for Reigate Priory School from 150 to 120. This change is reflected in Appendix 1 of Annex 1 which sets out the proposed PANs for all community and voluntary controlled schools for 2026 admission.

The primary planning area for Reigate comprises of Dovers Green and Holmesdale Community infant schools; Reigate Priory Junior School; and Sandcross and Reigate Parish primary schools.

Holmesdale reduced its Reception PAN from 120 to 90 in September 2023 in response to a fall in birth rates. Holmesdale is a feeder school to Reigate Priory, with the majority of children transferring to this school. The proposal to reduce the Year 3 PAN at Reigate Priory is a direct consequence of the reduction in PAN at Holmesdale, because there will be fewer children seeking to transfer to Year 3 in the Reigate planning area in September 2026.

Dovers Green is the second feeder school to Reigate Priory and this school will retain its PAN of 90. Historically, one third of pupils from Dovers Green transfer to Reigate Priory and two thirds transfer to Sandcross Primary School, which has a PAN of 60 for both Reception and Year 3.

Across Dovers Green and Holmesdale infant schools, there will be a maximum of 180 children seeking a Year 3 place in September 2026. Taking into account the proposed PAN reduction at Reigate Priory to 120 and the Year 3 PAN at Sandcross of 60, the total Year 3 PAN in the primary planning area of Reigate will be 180, which will match the number of Year 2 places at Dovers Green and Holmesdale.

Place planning forecasts indicate that there will be a need for 286 Year 3 places in September 2026 in the primary planning area of Reigate. If Reigate Priory reduces its PAN

from 150 to 120, there will be a total of 300 Year 3 places in the planning area across all schools - Reigate Parish (60), Reigate Priory (120) and Sandcross (120). There will therefore continue to be a sufficient number of Year 3 places across the whole planning area if Reigate Priory reduces its PAN.

The forecasts predict that the number of pupils needing a school place in Year 3 in the planning area of Reigate will remain between 263 and 298 from 2026/27 to the end of the forecast period 2032/33.

The proposed reduction in PAN at Reigate Priory is linked to the fall in birth rates and this consultation is separate to any decision about the future provision of primary school places in Reigate. As part of the consultation, parents will be directed to find out more about the current work with primary schools in the planning area of Reigate on Surrey's dedicated webpage [Provision of primary school places in Reigate - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primary-school-places).

This decrease in PAN would have no impact on children who are currently on roll at the school.

2. Audley Primary School - Tandridge

For September 2026, the local authority is proposing to introduce a published admission number (PAN) at Year 3 for Audley Primary School of 2. This change is reflected in Appendix 1 of Annex 1 which sets out the proposed PANs for all community and voluntary controlled schools for 2026 admission.

A Year 3 PAN at Audley Primary School will formalise the arrangement that already exists, whereby two additional children are offered a place from the waiting list at Year 3. However, the existence of a published PAN will ensure parents know about the intake and they will be invited to apply for a place as part of the Junior intake to the school.

Surrey's Education Place Planning team are supportive of this proposal, as are the Headteacher and Governing Body of the school.

3. How can you respond to the consultation?

The consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and these proposed changes will run until Wednesday 13 November 2024. If you would like to take part, please complete an online response form available at www.surreysays.co.uk. Alternatively, if you would prefer to respond on a paper form, please telephone the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) to request a copy. Please note that only response forms which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted.

4. What happens next?

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to the County Council's decision-making Cabinet on 28 January 2025. It will decide whether to proceed with the proposed changes as well as determining the admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for which no changes are proposed. Cabinet's decision will then need to be ratified by the full County Council on 4 February 2025. Once determined, the final admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for 2026 will be placed on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.