



SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

Consultation on proposed admission arrangements for Earlswood Infant School for September 2026



Introduction

Surrey County Council is consulting on proposed changes to admission arrangements for Earlswood Infant School for September 2026. Details of the changes being proposed are set out in this document.

For reference, the council has carried out a separate consultation on proposed admission arrangements for all other community and voluntary controlled schools between 2 October and 13 November. Details of this wider consultation can be found [here](#). This consultation on Earlswood Infant School is linked to but running separately to this wider admissions consultation.

What changes are being proposed?

For September 2026, the local authority is proposing to reduce the published admission number (PAN) at Reception for Earlswood Infant School from 120 to 90.

The primary planning area for Earlswood and Salfords comprises of Earlswood Infant School, Earlswood Junior School, Salfords Primary School and St John's Primary School.

Place planning forecasts indicate that there will be a need for around 170 Reception places in the primary planning area of Earlswood and Salfords. If Earlswood Infant School reduces its PAN from 120 to 90, there will be a total of 180 Year Reception places in the planning area across all schools – Earlswood Infant (90), Salfords Primary (60) and St John's Primary (30). There will therefore continue to be a sufficient number of Year Reception places across the whole planning area if Earlswood Infant reduces its PAN.

The forecasts predict that the number of pupils needing a school place in Year Reception in the planning area of Earlswood and Salfords will remain around 170 from 2026/27 to the end of the forecast period 2033/34.

This decrease in PAN would have no impact on children who are currently on roll at the school. Surrey's Education Place Planning team are supportive of this proposal, as are the Headteacher and Governing Body of the school.

Admissions arrangements 2026/27

The school's admissions arrangements for 2026/27 will otherwise remain unchanged, that being if the school is over-subscribed for any year group, applications for entry in 2026/27 will be ranked in the following order:

First criterion: Looked after and previously looked after children

See section 9 [here](#) for information relating to looked after and previously looked after children.

Second criterion: Exceptional social/medical need

See section 10 [here](#) for information relating to exceptional social/medical need. A supplementary information form (Appendix 6) should be completed and returned by the application closing date for all applicants wishing to apply under this criterion.

Third criterion: Children of a member of staff

See section 11 [here](#) for information relating to children of a member of staff. A supplementary information form (Appendix 7) should be completed and returned by the application closing date for all applicants wishing to apply under this criterion.

Fourth criterion: Children who are expected to have a sibling at the school or at an infant/ junior school which will operate shared sibling priority for admission at the time of the child's admission

See Appendix 2 [here](#) for infant/junior schools that will operate shared sibling priority for admission for the purpose of this criterion. See section 12 for information relating to siblings.

Fifth criterion: Any other children

Remaining places will be offered on the basis of nearness to the school measured in a straight line from the address point of the child's home address, as set by Ordnance Survey to the nearest official school gate for pupils to use. See section 13 [here](#) for information on the definition of home address. See section 14 [here](#) for information on tie breakers.

How can you respond to the consultation?

The consultation on the admission arrangements for Earlswood Infant School and the proposed change to PAN outlined above will run until 17th December 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 by email, please send your response to schoolorg@surreycc.gov.uk.

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 outcome of the wider consultation on admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools. 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.