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About the consultation

What is the consultation title?*

Fair Access Protocol 2016/17 - Non-statutory Consultation on Potential Revisions to the Protocol Introduction

What is this consultation about?*

Section 3.9 of the School Admissions Code (2014) and DfE guidance (Fair Access Protocols in School Admissions, 2014) both state that all local authorities must have a Fair Access Protocol.

The Fair Access Protocol ('The Protocol') is a framework for allocating specific categories of 'hard to place' children and young people into appropriate mainstream educational provision. Examples of these 'hard to place' children and young people include: children from the criminal justice system or Pupil Referral Units (or alternative education providers) who need to be reintegrated into mainstream education; children who are homeless, or children presenting with significant behavioural problems.

In Northamptonshire, the Protocol is used across all county schools with secondary provision (academies, secondary schools, UTCs, Free Schools, all-through schools). The Protocol used by the county council has always sought to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of protocolled learners across all schools in Northamptonshire, by using a points-based ranking system for all eligible provision.

The Protocol, and its associated Steering Group ('the PSG'), have helped to ensure that area schools and the local authority are working together effectively to obtain the best possible outcomes for any child or young person who may be protocolled.

Reasons for Consultation

Following the first meeting of the Fair Access Protocol Steering Group ('PSG') in September 2016, the county council is proposing to make changes to the way in which schools are ranked, mainly through the removal of students in SEN Category 'K' as a variable which counts towards each school's final score and ranking.

Additionally, the local authority is proposing to make changes to its Fair Access Protocol Policy, including changing some of the categories of children and young people eligible to be protocolled.

Although these proposed changes have already been ratified by the Fair Access PSG, as these changes could affect the way the Protocol works, the School Admissions Team are undertaking a six-week, non-statutory period of consultation on two specific aspects of the Fair Access Protocol:

- (1). Proposed changes to the points-based Protocol used by the county council to score and rank schools.
- (2). A revised Fair Access Protocol Policy document (09/2016).

The purpose of this consultation is to make sure that all schools, and any other interested parties, are aware of the proposed changes, and can register their views and opinions.

The changes that are being proposed are outlined in the selection of Fair Access Protocol documents and resources that can be accessed by following the relevant links below.

Consultation dates

Start date*

23 Sep 2016

End date*

04 Nov 2016

Results expected by? Please leave a reasonable amount of time after your consultation has concluded.*

30 Nov 2016

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What is the subject of the consultation?*

- Academies and Free Schools
- Adults
- Advertisement
- Airports
- Animals
- Anti social behaviour
- Archives
- Armed Forces
- Arts
- Aviation
- Births
- Black Minority Ethnic (BME) Communities
- Boats and Shipping Vessels
- Budget
- Building
- Bus
- Business
- Bylaws
- Campaigns
- Canal and Rivers
- Care
- Carers
- Central Government
- Charity
- Children and young people
- Children's Rights
- Coastguard
- Communication
- Community safety
- Conservation
- Construction

- Consumer Affairs
- Council Tax
- Countryside
- Courts
- Credit
- Crime and Law Enforcement
- Culture
- Cycle Ways
- Deaths
- Deregulation
- Development
- Discrimination or Harassment
- Distribution
- Economic Development
- Education
- Elections
- Emergency
- Emergency Planning
- Employment
- Energy
- Entertainment
- Environment
- Equality, Equal Opportunities and Diversity
- Evaluation
- Facilities
- Families
- Faith and belief (including non-belief)
- Finance
- Fire and Rescue Services
- Firearms
- Food
- Footpaths
- Freedom of Information
- Gambling and Lottery
- Gender Identity
- Governors
- Grants
- Health and Safety

- Heritage
- Housing
- Human Rights
- Identity Cards
- Immigration and Asylum
- Imports and Exports
- Infant
- Information
- Interest Groups
- International
- IRMP
- Jobs
- Junior
- Land
- Learning Disability
- Legislation and Law
- Leisure
- Letting
- Libraries
- Licences
- Livestock
- Local
- Local Government
- Maintenance
- Manufacturing
- Markets
- Marriage
- Measures
- Medical Care and Advice
- Mental Health
- Mineral Extraction
- Mining and Minerals
- Modernisation
- Money flows
- Motor Vehicles
- Neighbourhood Renewal
- Nursing

- Older People
- Parking
- Parks
- Parliament
- Partnership working
- Partnerships
- Pavements
- Physical Disability
- Planning
- Police
- Political Structure
- Pollution
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Premises
- Primary
- Privacy and Data Protection
- Procurement
- Promotion
- Property
- Protection
- Public Consultation
- Public Funding
- Public Rights of Way
- Public Safety
- Public Transport
- Publications
- Quakers
- Quarrying
- Rail
- Rates
- Records
- Recreation
- Recruitment
- Recycling
- Regeneration
- Registration
- Regulation
- Rescue Services

- Reservoirs
- Residents survey
- Retail
- Roads and Highways
- Rubbish and Waste
- Rural Communities
- Salvation Army
- Schools
- School Admissions
- Scrap Metal
- Secondary
- Secular Societies
- Self Employment
- Sensory Impairment
- Service planners or deliverers
- Services
- Sexual Orientation
- Shops
- Social Clubs
- Social Inclusion
- Social Policy
- Sports
- Stakeholders
- Standards
- Stations
- Strategic framework
- Street Trading
- Sustainability
- Taxi and Minicab
- Teaching
- Tourism
- Town Centre
- Trade
- Trading Standards
- Training
- Transport
- Travel

- Twinning
- Unemployment
- Unions
- Urban
- VAT (Value Added Tax)
- Village Halls
- Voluntary Organisations
- Voting
- Waste
- Wealth check
- Welfare and Welfare Services
- Weights
- Wildlife

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Area

What area of the county does this consultation affect?*

- Corby
- Daventry
- East Northamptonshire
- Kettering
- Northampton
- Northamptonshire Countywide
- South Northamptonshire
- Wellingborough

How can I take part? How can people engage? Please add any links to previous consultations and relevant consultation documents*

Before submitting a consultation response, we would recommend that all potential consultees review the consultation documentation below, even if they have already seen the relevant documents at the recent PSG meeting of 14th September.

There are four relevant documents in total, all of which can be accessed from the links below:

- A revised and updated Fair Access Policy document (09/2016)
- Version 1 of the 2016/17 Fair Access Protocol points-based system (retaining SEN Category K learners in schools' scores).
- Version 2 of the 2016/17 Fair Access Protocol points-based system (removing SEN Category K learners from schools' scores).
- A summary and comparison document - this provides an overview of the Fair Access Protocol and the local authority's proposed changes as well as a comparison of how schools would be affected if 'Version 2' of the Protocol were to be adopted by the local authority.

Consultation responses can also be sent by email or

post, to the following addresses

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