

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Supplementary agenda

A meeting of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held on:

Date: 15 January 2013

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Meeting Room 2 - Level 3, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham ME4

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Items

9 School admission arrangements 2014

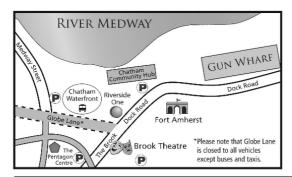
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This report details the outcome of the consultation on the primary and secondary co-ordinated admission schemes and seeks views on the proposed arrangements for 2014 admissions.

This document, tabled at the meeting, updated the committee on the consultation responses received after publication of the agenda on 7 January to the closing date of 11 January 2013.

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Secondary Admissions

Total number of responses received:	25
Breakdown of responses	10
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Agree with Medway Test Option A (two day midweek testing)	18
Agree with Medway Test Option B (one day midweek testing)	7
Agree with Scheme overall	20
Disagree with Scheme overall	5
No response	0

Some key comments/points raised:

Medway Test

"Would favour keeping arrangements same as this year"	(Secondary sch
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I would prefer to do the 11+ all on one day during the week Wed 18th Sept,	
however I am easy on 2 days if that is the majority decision. I do not wish to	
do the test on a Saturday, in fact I do not see why the LA are giving the	
option of a Sat again this year as it must be very expensive!!	(Primary school
I think taking the test on one day midweek will reduce costs and it will also	
be fair to those who will take the test on Saturday.	(Parent Governo
I feel it is too much pressure to complete all papers on one day and would	
prefer it at child's own school midweek over 2 days	(Parent)
As parents, we believe it would be too much for the students to be tested on	
one day only. They can perform better in the mornings than the afternoons	(Parent)
I thnk that is is ridculous to expect 10-11 year olds to take the test on a	
Saturday, this can affect the way the perform as they are completely taken	
away from an environment they're used to. Plus I would rather the test be	
completed in the childs classroom during the week, over a period of 2 days.	
Surely at this very young and vulnerable age, to hold the 11 plus on a	
Saturday, in a formal situation i.e held in a school hall, is putting	
unnecessary presuure on such young people, therefore individual	
performance may not be as it would be in an environment which is familiar.	
The test again are for 10-11 year old pupils, I cant' comprehend why it is not	
standardised across the whole of Medway, it doesn't make sense. We should	
be think of the children, not anybody else.	(Parent)

Scheme Overall

(no comments received about the scheme overall)

Primary Admissions

Total number of responses received:	14
Breakdown of responses	0
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	13
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Agree with PAN change for Brompton Westbrook Primary School	13
Disagree with PAN changes for Brompton Westbrook Primary School	1
No response	0
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Agree with Scheme overall	14
Disagree with Scheme overall	0
No response	0

No additional comments were received as part of the consultation responses

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