

## **2022-2023 School Admission Arrangements**

### **Introduction**

Between 7 October and 17 November 2020 a consultation exercise was conducted seeking the views of stakeholders on the 2022/23 school admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools.

The admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools include the Published Admission Number (PAN) for each school where the LA is the admissions authority and the oversubscription criteria which specifically include reference to catchment areas.

The LA consulted with all groups as required by the School Admissions Code with information being circulated using the Schools Portal (to all Cumbrian schools) and by e-mail. Schools were asked to share the information about the consultation with governors and with parents via any periodic communication such as a newsletter. Local Committees and Children and Young People's Scrutiny Advisory Board were also invited to comment. The information included a link to the county council consultation hub as well as details of how responses could be submitted.

### **Summary of Responses**

Responses could be submitted either by e-mail or in writing in the form a letter. A total of 13 responses were received, all during the consultation period and all the responses related to the current catchment area boundaries of Millom School and West Lakes Academy and/or the admission arrangements for West Lakes Academy. All the responses were submitted by e-mail although some were in the form of an attached letter. 12 of those responding were parents, the remaining response was from a parish council.

92.3% (12) of those who responded were parents; 7.7% (1) response was from a parish council.

100% (13) of responses related to the catchment area boundaries of Millom School and West Lakes Academy; 61.6% (8) responses specifically requested that the development of an area of dual catchment area (Millom and West Lakes) should be considered.

Additional comments are set out in the attached table.

## 2022-23 School Admission Arrangements – Consultation Responses

	Comments About	General Comment	Interest	Other (Interest/school phase)	Area	Date	Letter	e-mail
1	Catchment Area	Dual catchment area request, Millom/West Lakes covering Seascale, Gosforth and Eskdale. Some comments relating to the oversubscription criteria for West Lakes Academy.	Parent	Primary	Gosforth	01/11/2020		e-mail
2	Catchment Area	Dual catchment area request, Millom/West Lakes covering Seascale, Gosforth and Eskdale. Comments relating to LA oversubscription criteria and possible CCC contribution towards transport costs to Millom School.	Parent	Primary and secondary	Gosforth	29/10/2020	Letter	Rec'd by e-mail
3	Catchment Area	Concerned that parental preference and use of distance calculations in relation to second preference schools is not appropriate for rural communities.	Parent	Primary and Secondary	Seascale	08/11/2020		e-mail
4	Catchment Area	Concerned about rural isolation and perceived lack of choice of alternative secondary schools in the area.	Parent	Primary	Seascale	01/11/2020		e-mail
5	Catchment Area	Measuring mechanism impacts in application from children living in rural communities. Suggested options for consideration – look at oversubscription criteria and how these are applied in relation to rural areas and that the catchment area for Millom School should be extended to include Gosforth and the surrounding areas.	Parish Council	Gosforth Parish Council	Gosforth	16/11/2020	Letter	Rec'd by e-mail
6	Catchment Area	Dual catchment area request, Millom/West Lakes covering Seascale, Gosforth and Eskdale or consider options to change priority in oversubscription criteria.	Parent	Primary and secondary	Seascale	01/11/2020		e-mail
7	Catchment Area	Local links not developed with Whitehaven Academy, explore possible CCC contribution towards transport costs to Millom School and look at oversubscription criteria and how these are applied in relation to rural areas. Dual catchment area request, Millom/West Lakes covering Seascale, Gosforth and Eskdale.	Parent	Primary	Seascale	11/11/2020	Letter	Rec'd by e-mail
8	Catchment Area	Dual catchment area request, Millom/West Lakes covering Seascale, Gosforth and Eskdale. Comments relating to LA oversubscription criteria and possible CCC contribution towards transport costs to Millom School.	Parent	Primary and secondary	Gosforth	12/11/2018	Letter	Rec'd by e-mail

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9	Catchment Area	Disappointment that there is no contribution towards the cost of transport to Millom School. Consider redrawing of West Lakes catchment boundary in areas of Arlecdon, Frizington and Cleator Moor.	Parent	Secondary	Seascale	15/11/2020		e-mail
10	Catchment Area	School admissions policy (WLA) discriminates against rural communities and should be addressed.	Parent	Secondary	Gosforth	19/10/2020		e-mail
11	Catchment Area	Impact of LA admission arrangements and WLA School Policy on applications submitted from rural communities. Consider addressing through changes to oversubscription criteria. Suggest development of dual catchment area request, Millom/West Lakes covering Seascale, Gosforth and Eskdale.	Parent	Secondary	Gosforth	27/10/2020	Letter	Rec'd by e-mail
12	Catchment Area	Impact of LA admission arrangements and WLA School Policy on applications submitted from rural communities. Consider addressing through changes to oversubscription criteria. Suggest development of dual catchment area request, Millom/West Lakes covering Seascale, Gosforth and Eskdale.	Parent	Secondary	Seascale	16/11/2020	Letter	Rec'd by e-mail
13	Catchment Area	Disappointment that there is no contribution towards the cost of transport to Millom School.	Parent	Secondary/community	Gosforth	01/11/2020		e-mail

It should be noted that West Lakes Academy has responsibility for determining its own admission arrangements, including the catchment area. Consultation on a change to the admissions policy that will be applied from 2022-23 opened on 21 October and will close on 2 December 2020.