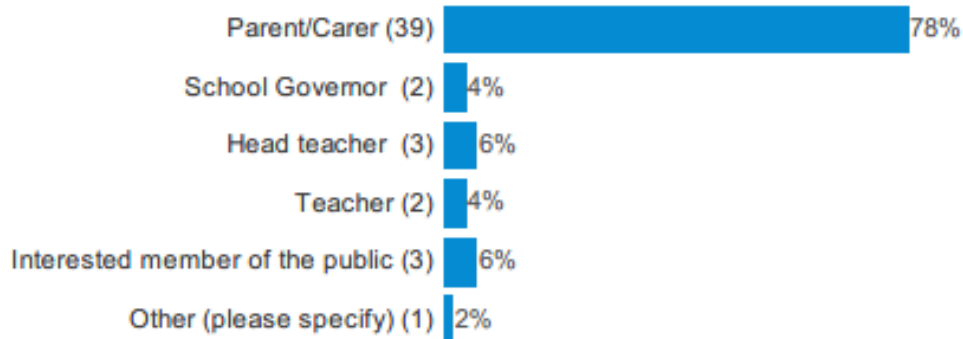


School Admissions Consultation 2023

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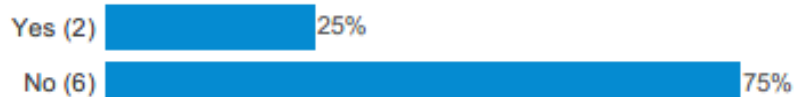
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If you indicated that you represent a school/other educational establishment, please provide your details (Name:)

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St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School	St barts
Ibstock Junior School	Thurlaston CE (Aided) Primary School
St Batholomew's, Quorn	Congerstone primary School

Are you providing your organisations official response to the consultation?



Proposal 1:

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal increase the number of school preferences from 3 to 5 on the school application form, for entry 2025?
Please see Appendix 2 of supporting document for this information.**



Why do you say this?

Our catchment area isn't like this. But would be a good option for those who are.

Parents rarely are able to accommodate 3 different schools, 5 are unlikely to be in their local area

Means that the appeal process (i. E. When the child doesn't get a place in any school) which is lengthy and stressful for parents and children will therefore be non existent if 5 preference is given to parents

It seems a little pointless as so many schools are oversubscribed that securing a place at 2nd or 3rd choice schools is difficult enough, i can't imagine getting a 5th place would be very likely.

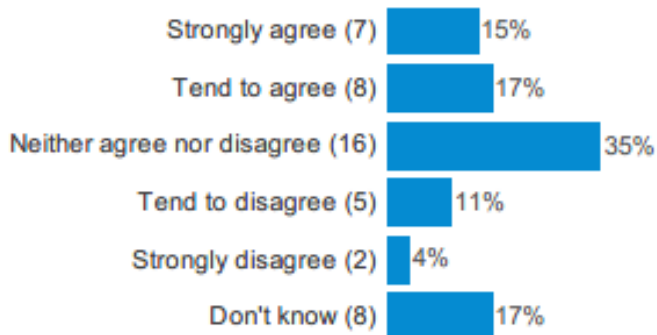
Where there is more choice in a local area it allows for greater scope and allows the admissions teams to determine class sizes and intake more robustly as part of their allocation process, thereby not then having to deal with as many appeals.

This could lead to parents receiving a 4th or 5 th choice school which would be unacceptable

Just let people have the closest school for goodness sakes. Fund schools properly

Proposal 2:

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to change and adopt a less complex criteria ranking system when determining school places, for entry 2025?
Please see Appendix 2 of supporting document for this information.**



Why do you say this?

I haven't read it

The current system seems to work well

A number of parents I know have found things confusing and their children have not been in school for over a year

I didn't look closely enough at that to have an opinion.

Complex criteria are often hard for parents and others to understand

I think distance from school is a good criteria for ranking, however i feel that siblings should be allocated a place at a school (after looked after children have been placed) and once looked after children & siblings have been placed, then rank based on distance from the school.

Agree that the criteria should be simplified. But sibling link should be a reason for a younger child to attend a school. Otherwise it will be very difficult for parents to get children to two different schools on time. Especially if single parent household or no car. LAC, Catchment, sibling, distance would be a reasonable approach.

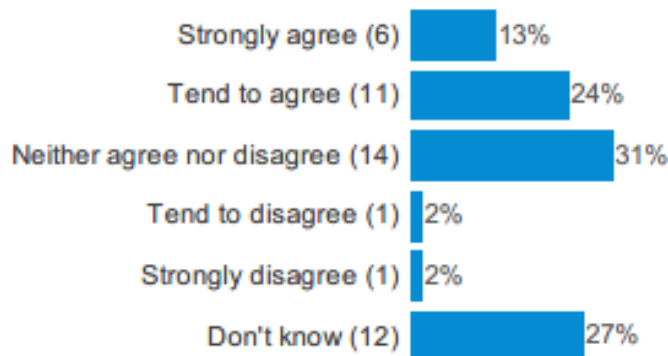
The system works and having a robust view on catchment and places allocated towards needs does need to be taken into consideration.

You call it less complex, I'm not so sure

Proposal 3:

To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to amend and clarify the Leicestershire School Admissions Policy and associated co-ordinated schemes, for entry 2025?

Please see Appendix 2 of supporting document for this information.

**Why do you say this?**

I didn't read it

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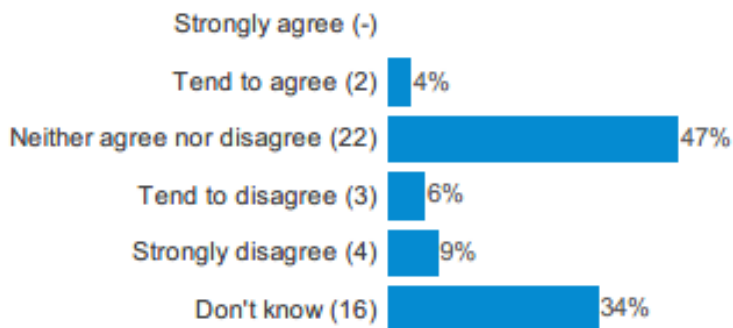
2.3. For all OAA schools that do not participate in the LA's co-ordinated scheme parents must apply directly to the school (see appendix 2). For maintained and OAAs participating in the LA's arrangement it will be the LA that will process the application form. I understand this and am happy to do this going forward which should make things smoother for us. However I assume parents would be informed if they applied direct to you without the schools knowledge that they would be told to apply direct to the school rather than them not getting any response.

The criteria for county schools are not reflective of the impact of the school itself on the local population and environment. For example, Houghton on the Hill School encourages 50% of children from outside catchment to attend a small premises which is situated in a hard to access corner of the village. While the school benefits from the additional funding per pupil, the impact of a significant number of parents and their vehicles on a small village twice a day during school drop-off and pick-up hours is ignored. Adverse impacts on road safety, resident access to property, access of transport/buses etc. continue to create risks and frustration. These issues have been raised several times with the School directly, the Parish Council, the Police etc who conveniently choose to ignore their responsibilities. Given these issues have a direct link to the admissions policy of the school, I would encourage a more comprehensive and place based set of criteria would offer a fairer solution, not only in Houghton, but other areas of the county where local issues may also be exaggerated by an unnecessarily high school population.

Proposal 3:

To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to change the catchment boundary area for Little Bowden School, for entry 2025?

Please see Appendix 1 of the supporting document for this information.



Why do you say this?

It's not our school

Not my catchment

Not my children's school

Not in catchment for this school

Not affected

What about Meadowdale? There's nothing on the appendix that says what will happen to their catchment if Little Bowden take it over. I do NOT like that at all.

I don't know the context of this proposal

School need to increase not decrease places

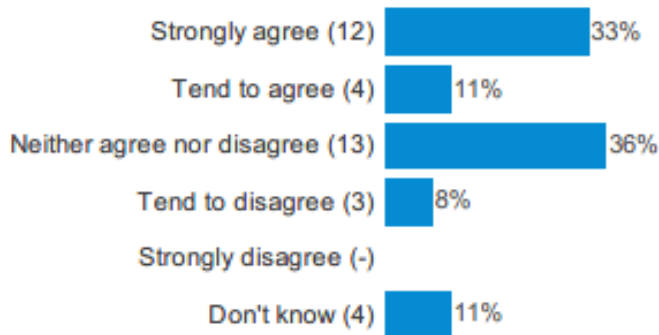
This does not directly affect me

The safety of the road outside school is a serious concern. With a wider scope for the area, the use of cars to reach school will increase further and potentially cause a fatality. The change in catchment does not consider the new homes currently being built in the catchment area.

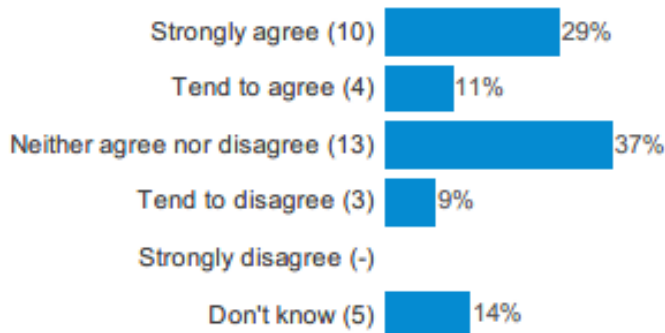
Little Bowden school is already heavily subscribed for a such a small site . This could increase the number of children applying and given a place. What changes will be made to the site to accommodate this .

It is already difficult enough to get your child into an actually local school, extending the catchment area just makes this harder

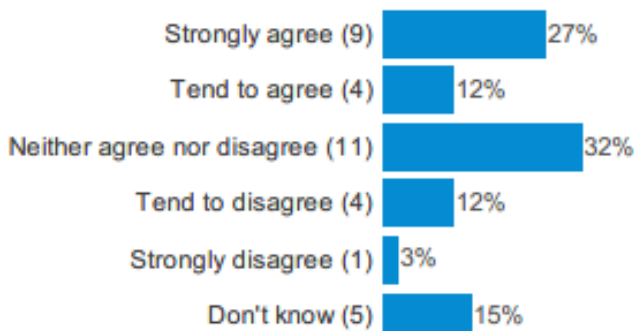
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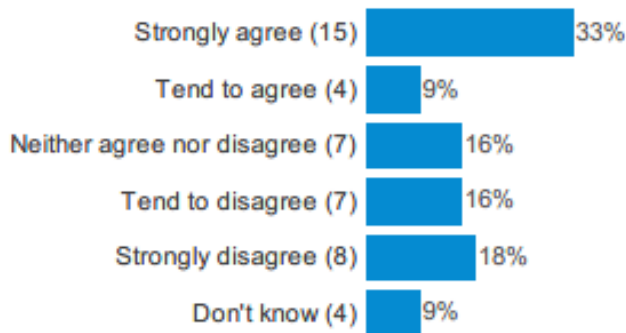
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To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to reduce the admission number for entry to the following schools, for entry 2025? (Newbold Verdon Primary School from 45 to 30 (temporary reduction))



To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to reduce the admission number for entry to the following schools, for entry 2025? (St. Bartholomew's C of E Primary School from 75 to 60 (temporary reduction))



Do you have any comments on the above?

45 is much to big a number. There isn't enough physical room in the classroom to hold that amount of children.

In my opinion parents currently still believe it is difficult and a 'lottery' when applying for the foundation year of school for their child and if a school is not noted as nr 1 preference they are unlikely to be successful with their application. Therefore people may not put St Barts down as preferred if they felt they had a weak case for entry i.e. no sibling and live out of catchment or far from school. I understand that funding is linked to nr of children and therefore where intake is low there is a material effect on funds for teaching and all other costs. There has been a recent expansion of housing in Quorn (Miller Homes site). Has any forecasting taken place of the possible intake numbers for future years? If this decision is based on one year's intake and without a trend, it feels like this is a knee jerk decision.

This is on children currently in the area. New homes are being built and people with families are moving into the area. How do we know numbers now for school children in a few years time.

I feel reducing the intake numbers will benefit the children, the school is large for a village primary

We are out of catchment but already have 3 siblings at St Bart's. Our youngest will start in 25/26 and I would be concerned that she wouldn't get in with the number reduction.

It seems very short sighted to drop the PAN for the sole primary school in an expanded and expanding village. The village is popular, with many families moving here due to the education provision (including St Barts Primary). Even a temporary drop in PAN would have detrimental impact on progress and learning and f the children attending St Barts. Dropping the PAN to 60 implies two foundation classes comprised of 30 students. As opposed to the current PAN of 75, giving three classes of 25. Despite disputed research stating class size has little impact on educational outcomes, the opposite is in fact true. Particularly in EYFS. I strongly oppose a drop in PAN.

If you was to do this class sizes would increase! Staff redundancy would also happen. I also feel no one has put 2 and 2 together to realise that we have a new housing estate therefore more families!

I have a child that would be starting at the school at this time I do not want her to be negatively affected by the proposed changes.

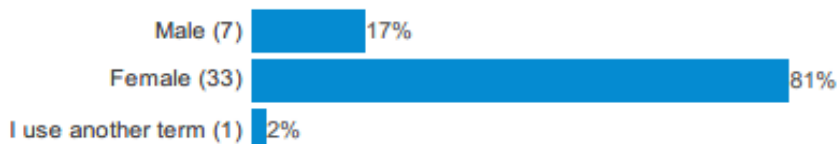
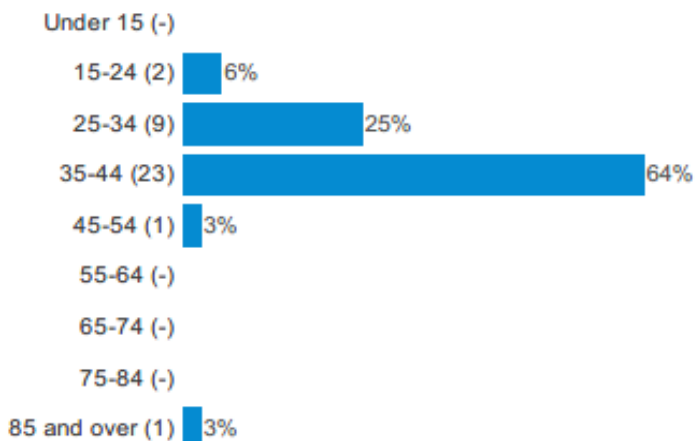
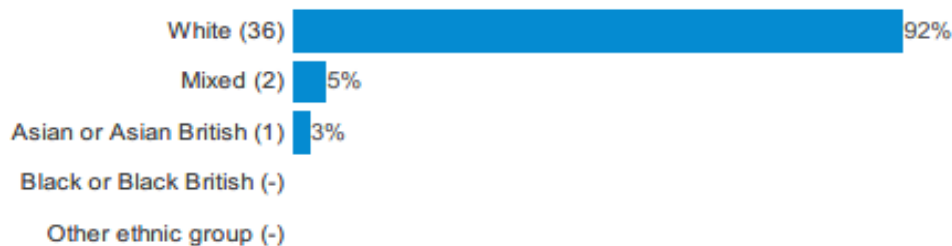
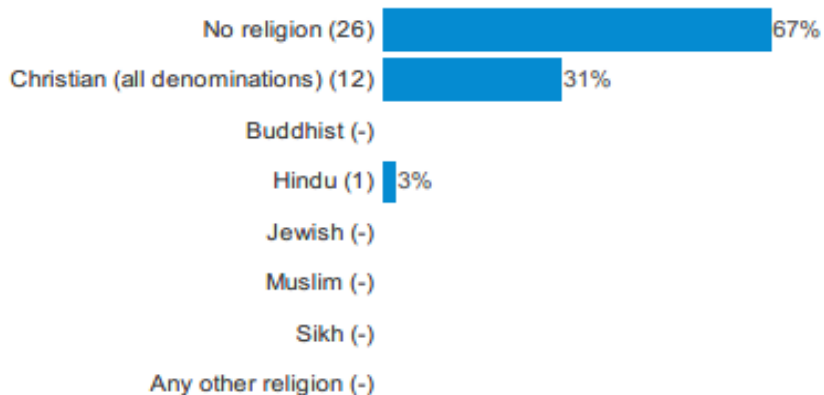
With the extra housing locally and no additional schools I feel this is unnecessary

No.

This will allow the school to meet financial stability

I am aware of the background to the St Bart's reduction which is similar to the other schools, although I have less detailed knowledge

School finances would not be supportable to hold open a 75 cohort. With predicted numbers at 60 this has to be done to protect the wider provision and secure jobs

What is your gender?**What was your age on your last birthday? (derived)****Do you have a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity?****What is your ethnic group? Please tick one box only.****What is your religion? Please tick one box only.**

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