

Dorset are running the annual consultation on the School Admission Arrangements for 2026/2027 with effect from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024** to **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024**.

Alongside, we are also running consultations regarding the reductions in PAN at the following schools:

- **Hazelbury Bryan Primary: from 17 to 15**
- **Gillingham School: from 280 to 270**

Details of the consultations will be available to view at [Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools in Dorset Council 2026 to 2027 - Dorset Council - Citizen Space](#)

Responses must be submitted either in writing to School Admissions Team, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ or by email to [schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024**.

Upon the conclusion of the consultation period all responses will be considered carefully and a report will be presented to Dorset Council's Cabinet meeting on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.

We ask that schools and early years providers make reference to the consultations on their websites. They should also inform their parents about the consultations via newsletter and/or other appropriate social media outlets such as Facebook so they are given an opportunity to comment, if they wish to do so.

**The key dates for the annual school arrangements consultation are set out below:**

Dorset LA consultation begins	<b>11<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>
Dorset LA consultation ends	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>
Own Admission Authorities (including Dorset LA) determine 2026-2027 Admission Arrangements by:	<b>28<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>
Own Admission Authorities (including Dorset LA) publish 2026-2027 Admission Arrangements by:	<b>15<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>
Own Admission Authorities to send a copy of their 2026-2027 Admission Arrangements to Dorset Council by:	
Deadline for Objections to Office of the School's Adjudicator	<b>15<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>

**Own Admission Authority Schools** are reminded that they must carry out their own consultation if they are proposing changes to their admission arrangements for 2026/2027.

Consultation must be carried out over a 6-week period between **1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025**, and a school **must** inform the Local Authority of any consultation that is being undertaken.

**Own Admission Authority Schools - PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR 2026/27 ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AND PUBLISHED BY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025. A COPY OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS ALSO NEEDS TO BE SENT TO DORSET COUNCIL BY THIS DATE – PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A STATUTORY REQUIREMENT.**