



OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR GREENSAND MAT SCHOOLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Greensand Multi Academy Trust (the Trust) is the Admissions Authority for all schools within the Trust. The schools within the Trust are:-

- Dovers Green School
- Holmesdale Community Infant School
- Horley Infant School
- Kingswood Primary School
- Milton Mount Primary School
- Reigate School
- St John's Primary School Redhill
- Wray Common Primary School
- Yattendon School

The Trust consulted on the admission arrangements for Reigate School only. For September 2026 entry, it was proposed to increase the existing catchment area.

Upon the close of the consultation on Monday 6th January 2025, nine responses to the consultation had been received. Those responses are attached as **Appendix 1**.

Following the close of the consultation, the Trust Board convened on Monday 10th February 2025 when the responses were presented. The Board considered the proposed changes to the admission arrangements and the responses received.

The Trust Board unanimously approved the proposed changes to the admission arrangements for Reigate School.

This change is reflected in Reigate School's Admission Arrangements for 2026/2027, which can be accessed on the Trust website and on Reigate School's website.

The standard admissions criteria for the Trust's other schools for entry in September 2026 have not been altered and were approved by the Trust Board at the meeting on Monday 10th February 2025.

The Admission Arrangements for 2026/2027 for all schools within the Trust can be accessed on the Trust website and via the individual schools' websites.

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APPENDIX 1

Anonymised responses received to Consultation on Proposed changes to Reigate School Admissions Arrangements September 2026 (consultation closed Monday 6th January 2025). Please note that these are copied directly from the email responses received.

1	<p>I live near to lonesome farm and when I previously enquired directly to the school about admissions I was told I was just 50yards out of their catchment area for a future place for my daughter.</p> <p>Reigate school is highly convenient for us, just a short drive/possible walk. It seems barbaric that I may only get a place at oakwood school which is an impossible walk and much longer drive and not even living in Horley.</p> <p>I fully welcome this and am pleased that this is being considered.</p>
2	<p>I wanted to respond to your consultation on catchment area to say that I am against catchment areas and would like to see it abolished, but if the catchment area is to stay then I support more children being included.</p> <p>Catchment area should be abolished.</p> <p>Catchment areas exacerbate socioeconomic inequality, as they favour families who can afford homes in expensive neighbourhoods i.e. Reigate, leading to educational access based on wealth rather than need. This creates a 'postcode lottery,' where children's educational prospects are determined by their address rather than their abilities or needs. Furthermore, it limits school choice for families, forcing them to prioritise location over the best fit for their child. The system also incentivises costly and disruptive house moves, inflates property prices, and can encourage fraudulent applications. In urban areas, high population density and fluid boundaries complicate the fairness of catchment-based admissions, often leading to overcrowded popular schools and underutilised less desirable ones. This policy can also reinforce ethnic and cultural segregation, reducing diversity within schools and limiting social integration. Additionally, it fails to accommodate changing family circumstances, disrupting children's education when families move. Overall, catchment areas restrict access to education, ignore individual needs, and can undermine community cohesion, making the system both inefficient and inequitable.</p> <p>The recent Surrey admissions data show that Reigate was above PAN, there may be a concern that future student numbers indicate falling rolls so expanding the catchment area is one way of ensuring that the School reaches PAN and favours children from central Reigate at the expense of other children living in poorer areas.</p> <p>I would like to see admissions based on distance from the School as this is the fairest way to determine "safe" walking to the School.</p>
3	<p>I am struggling to understand the benefit of the expansion to the North and South when it seems that much of this additional catchment is sparsely populated and</p>

mainly comprises of farm land to the South and picks up areas to the North of common land and more farm land.

Whilst I do understand that there are likely a number of students that may miss out from these areas, I would say that the map misses out a major part of the Redhill area to the East, and that is Earlswood.

Common Road, Earlswood Road, Woodlands Road, St Johns Road, St Johns Terrace Road, Brambletye Park Road, Ifold Road, Station Road, Earslbrook Road, Victoria Road, Hooley Lane, Shire Place, Knighton Road, Emlyn Road, Althorne Road, Redstone Road and the areas around Tilehurst Drive.

The village of Earlswood has a much greater need than those areas to the North and South due to the demographic.

The distance to the next closest Secondary being Carrington is around 2.2km walking distance from Earlswood Station as a central point.

The distance to Reigate School is around 1.8km walking distance.

Encouraging children to walk to school and reduce reliance on cars, thereby also reducing congestion in peak hours should be a consideration in any boundary change.

The walk to Reigate School from Earlswood is much safer for young people, with safer road crossing points.

Therefore, I urge the committee to consider adding Earlswood back into the catchment area perhaps in addition to the other proposed areas.



- 4** As long as the children living in the very local area get first preference for Reigate School admission, I don't see an issue with extending the catchment area. However as a local woodhatch resident, if there isn't the space for our local children to enter the school then we really should not be extending the catchment. Classes are already big, children will get overlooked and when you live locally and can't get into local schools this is a serious problem.

5 I fully support the changes to the catchment area. Children in the newly proposed areas are currently not served by a local school and this change will mean that they will be included in the catchment for their nearest school.

The proposed changes would mean that the children in these areas will be fairly served in line with all other children from surrounding areas

6 I would raise my concern regarding the extension of the catchment area around Salfords. Why you would expand the area around Salfords to include a few farms, that only have a couple of houses but leave out the houses in Salfords? I have highlighted by a red box. Should you not include the whole area? Salfords is a small area and we (as in the family's that live in the area) struggle to get into any of the schools as we seem to be left out of the catchment areas. Why are we not considered in this move of catchment area change ?



7 I write regarding the proposed changes to Reigate School admissions arrangements. Currently, my family and I reside outside the current catchment area and indeed, just outside the catchment area adjustment proposed - RH6 8FY.

My daughter currently goes to Priory School; my son to Dovers Green. My son will then go to Priory School as Dovers Green is a feeder school and we strongly desire the outstanding education provided there and so far experienced. Additionally, my son and daughter would be together at Priory for one year. We would want our daughter to then proceed to Reigate School for September 2027. Currently, the High School that our daughter would have access to based on current admission criteria and catchment is Oakwood High School in Horley. This would be a logistical impossibility, given our son will be going to Priory School and both schools start at the same time.

Can you indicate any precedent (if any) for applicants outside the catchment area being granted a place at Reigate school? Is there any provision for this, given that our children would have gone through primary and junior school in Reigate, with many of their classmates also planning on going on to Reigate School?

	<p>I appreciate the above circumstances seem to fall into a grey area, although the admission criteria is very clear. It is a dilemma that has become apparent, and one my family and I wish to be able to make plans on soon.</p> <p>Note: Although this was a response to the consultation, it was considered to be more akin to an enquiry on the individual's personal circumstances, and was responded to as such when it was received.</p>
8	<p>It is unreasonable to expect children from south of Reigate to travel past Reigate school to reach other secondary school places where they stand no chance of independent travel. This area should therefore be included in the catchment for Reigate School.</p>
9	<p>I am emailing to express my support for the change in catchment. I believe this better serves the south area of Reigate, especially given Ironsbottom is the last residential road before a long gap (fields). Because of the southern nature of Reigate school, it is very easy to access on foot from this area and there are no other school options within any reasonable walking distance. I am in full support of this change.</p>