

Admission arrangements - review of designated areas

Following discussion at the School Organisation Forum 9 September 2009, I am writing to all Devon schools (other than special schools) regarding school designated areas. The formal consultation on admission arrangements for the 2011-12 academic year will take place from Christmas until 1 March 2010. Designated areas form part of the admission arrangements which will be proposed. It was clear from last year's consultation for the 2010-11 academic year that proposals for change made by schools during the formal consultation did not allow other consultees sufficient time to consider and respond. To address this, I am asking all schools with a designated area to review their area at <http://www.devon.gov.uk/schoolareamaps>

If there are changes to the boundaries you feel should be made because of, eg, mapping inaccuracies and errors or because you feel the areas do not reflect local need, please send proposals for change to me before the end of November 2009. It would be preferable for there to be local agreement between schools wherever this is possible. Proposals for change can then be considered as part of the formal consultation on admission arrangements.

Please note that this process is to identify and address very local issues. As you are aware the programme of Area Reviews being undertaken by Strategic Planning will consider demographic change and need on a broader scale. The results of any changes to designated areas will be reported to the Area Review Team.

If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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