

Educational Services

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All Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

SCHOOLS (CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PLACING REQUEST ARRANGEMENTS

At its meeting of 28th April 2015, South Ayrshire Council's Leadership Panel agreed to consult on proposed amendments to the arrangements for placing requests. On the reverse of this letter you will find a summary of the proposals and details of where to obtain a copy of the full proposal document, the consultation period, the date of a public meeting and how you can respond to the proposals.

A summary of all responses received will be presented to a future meeting of the Leadership Panel for consideration and a decision.

Yours sincerely

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Douglas Hutchison
Director



Proposed Amendments to Placing Request Arrangements Summary Proposal Paper

South Ayrshire Council is consulting on proposed amendments to its Placing Request arrangements. The proposals include a change in the criteria for determining placing requests and to discontinue the involvement of the Local Attendance Council in the initial stages of the placing request process. The proposed changes will give some priority to children and young people resident within South Ayrshire.

The proposals do not seek to change the present catchment areas for the schools and children and young people within a catchment area will continue to be given priority in the allocation of spaces. The Council wish to seek views on the above proposal from all interested parties including parents/carers of children and young people attending South Ayrshire Schools and parents/carers of any child or young person who would be expected to attend a South Ayrshire School within the next two years.

The proposal requires statutory consultation under the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 and full details of the proposals are available from South Ayrshire Council's website at www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/consultations. Copies of the proposal document are also available from all schools and the following establishments.

Customer Service Centres – Ayr, Prestwick, Troon, Maybole & Girvan

Libraries – Alloway, Ballantrae, Carnegie, Coylton, Dailly, Dundonald, Forehill, Girvan, Maybole, Mossblown, Prestwick, Symington, Tarbolton & Troon.

The consultation will run from **Wednesday, 6th May 2015 to Friday, 26th June 2015** and a public meeting will be held in **County Hall, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr, KA7 1DR on Wednesday 27th May 2015 at 7:00pm.**

Interested parties are invited to respond to the proposal and send any written submissions to the Director of Educational Services, South Ayrshire Council, Wellington Square, Ayr KA7 1DR or e-mail to placingrequestconsultation@south-ayrshire.gov.uk, no later than **Friday, 26th June 2015**. A response form is included in the proposal document which can also be accessed and completed online at www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/consultations.

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