

**Summary of Responses:
Admission Arrangements for Community Schools**

Do you have any suggestions to improve the Council's admissions policy for community schools as detailed in the consultation document?

No: 8
Yes: 1

"The school should be able to reserve the right to refuse admission for any child if there is a history of violence against school staff or false allegations made about school staff. The Headteacher has a duty of care to all the staff and this should be taken into account in cases where there would be a cause for concern." (Ferrars Infant & Nursery School)

LBC Response: The Admissions Code, issued by the Department for Children, Schools and Families, does not allow an admission request to be refused on these grounds. Where a pupil has a history of challenging behaviour they will be placed in a school or alternative provision using Luton's In-Year Fair Access Protocol, with support packages, as appropriate.

General observations and comments on Luton Borough Council's admissions policy for community schools:

"The school is entitled to expect a level of trust and respect between staff & parents." (Ferrars Infant & Nursery School)

"We agree with the listing of priorities for infant schools. We believe that it is essential that parents should not be expected to take young children to several schools as this leads to attendance, punctuality and mobility issues." (Downside Infant School)