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CONSULTATION ON BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PROPOSALS

Each year, Buckinghamshire County Council sets out the admission arrangements for primary and secondary schools. For the first time from this year, this consultation will include parents, in addition to governing bodies, neighbouring authorities and other community groups. There are a small number of changes being proposed this year (for 2010), which are summarised below:

- Amending the definition of 'church attendance' for those parents who wish their children to attend a Church of England School.
- Due to Swanbourne VA School becoming a Junior School, it is proposed that, for infant age children, the area be included within the Mursley school catchment area.
- A change to grammar school catchment areas, affecting The Royal Grammar School (High Wycombe), John Hampden Grammar School (High Wycombe), Dr Challoner's Grammar School (Amersham) and Chesham High School (Chesham).
- A proposed alternative 11+ for Braille users.

For full details of the proposals, including a detailed report and catchment area maps, please go to: www.buckscc.gov.uk/admissions2010, where you will also find a link to the consultation survey. Buckinghamshire County Council is looking specifically for feedback from residents with a child between the ages of 2 and 16 who is eligible for the schools the consultation is affecting.

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The consultation will run for eight weeks, and will close on 1st March 2009. Paper copies of the consultation and supporting documents are available, please call 01296 383250 or email admissions@buckscc.gov.uk to request this.

The results from the consultation will feed into the changes to be made for 2010. Marion Clayton, Cabinet Member for Achievement and Learning, said: "Although the changes proposed are minor, I would encourage all parents to respond to this consultation."

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