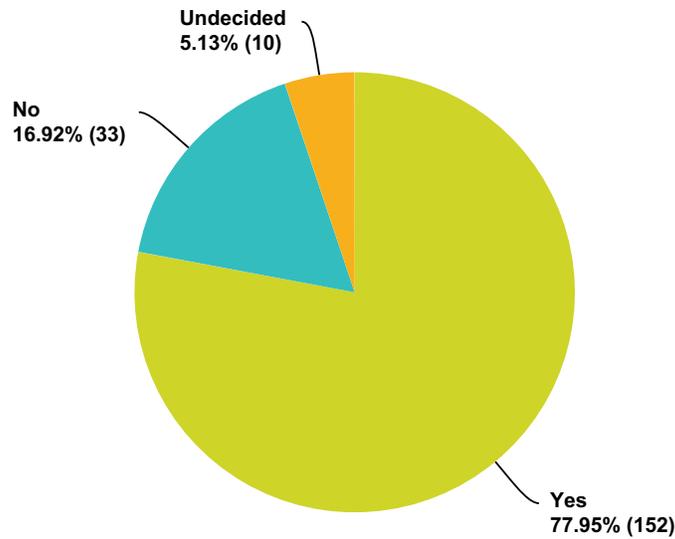


Q1 Do you agree with the addition of criterion 3 for placing requests? In secondary schools: children who attend a primary school associated with the secondary school as a result of a placing request or a request to remain according to the length of time at the associated primary school. This means that pupils who have attended for the longest time will have the highest priority

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1	This will result in the decline of primary schools that are not with the catchment area for desirable secondary schools as parents remove children from their local schools earlier and earlier in order to secure a place in a high school outside of their catchment area. Affected schools currently lose pupils from p6/p7, however this has the potential to result in dramatic reduction in numbers from much earlier.	11/7/2016 10:46 PM
2	This has the potential to be detrimental to the pupil attendance at schools not associated with the chosen secondary. This has the potential therefore to lower performance and demand at these schools which will ultimately filter on to secondary school.	11/7/2016 10:41 PM
3	If a child moved house during primary and remains in school despite living in catchment then I feel that this is fair. I do not necessarily agree with people who have a primary placing request moving onto secondary based on this.	11/7/2016 9:35 PM
4	Transition to high school can be a challenging time for young people. It is important that established relationships from primary provide continuity for young people.	11/7/2016 9:24 PM
5	This enables children to maintain friendships and gives recognition of pupils commitment to their School. It should help to prevent pupils moving around at end of Primary to meet Placing Request criteria.	11/7/2016 8:11 PM
6	This seems fair and precludes movement for placement in P7.	11/7/2016 4:36 PM

7	This change would mean less placing request appeals for the Council, based on friendship groupings and would avoid disruption for such children, at a fairly crucial stage in their education. The move to secondary can seem daunting and having to attend a different secondary school to the other pupils in the associated primary is a potential upheaval. From an educational perspective, transition from primary to secondary will be more seamless from an associated school, given the work done by staff from associated schools to facilitate this.	11/6/2016 4:11 PM
8	My son will have to put a placing request in when attending high school i.e. Notre dame after completing 7 years in saint Patrick's with all his friends. I feel he should be given higher priority.	11/2/2016 10:44 PM
9	Pupils attending primary school associated with secondary have been attending as a pupil since starting school and teachers know how these children perform in school as in behaviour and attendance.	10/28/2016 5:34 PM
10	Having read the most recent inspection reports for both Notre Dame High School and Inverclyde academy, it is clear that Inverclyde councils educational facilities are not run in an inclusive, equal manner. I have been told by education services that no school in Inverclyde is better than an other. This is clearly not the case. If you read and examine the evidence regarding Notre Dame high school and Inverclyde academy, children from Notre Dame high school have a better educational experience. For example the evidence based statistics for Notredame's last inspection state that 28 % of children felt the school was helping them become more confident compared to 20% in Inverclyde academy. 49% of children asked said they strongly agreed that they get help when they need it compared to a shocking 35% in Inverclyde academy. 44% of NotreDame pupils stated that staff were good at dealing with bullying behavior compared to 39 % of Inverclyde academy pupils asked. Notredame pupils clearly stated in most questions answers which indicate the have a better educational experience aswell as a better social experience than pupils in Inverclyde Academy. I feel that unless Inverclyde council can raise the standards of all local schools to reach this then they cannot discriminate against children based on religion. All facts stated above can be found on the education Scotland website as can both inspection reports. Schools associated with Notredame are Catholic Schools therefore children who have attended them the longest will be of Catholic religion. This is no different to the second proposal it is simply dressed up in a way that Inverclyde council cannot be seen to be discriminating against non catholic children	10/26/2016 12:19 PM
11	Would alleviate the potential problem of children being sent to a high school on their own. However, this problem is undoubtedly caused by parents in the first place, who are willing to "take their chance" at appeals hearings (which have proved ineffective in recent years) and put their children through the uncertainty. Also, Education Services would need to be extra vigilant regarding an increase in Upper school placing requests into feeder primaries of desirable high schools. The word "oversubscribed" needs to be explained and made clear. S1 intake of NDHS was already temporarily increased for Aug 16, even before further children were allowed in.	10/25/2016 7:45 PM
12	It is important that primary pupils moving on to secondary are able to remain with their peer group/friends, this is a life changing experience for children and one that could leave them feeling very vulnerable if they are not able to go to the same school as their friends.	10/22/2016 3:58 PM
13	Too many people are using the schools for the wrong reason e.g. Closer to their house our reputation	10/18/2016 6:30 PM
14	Children making the move from Primary to Secondary School need the reassurance of moving along with friends and classmates they have been with for their primary career. My daughter was impacted in 2015 as we moved outside the Notre Dame catchment weeks before she started high school. She had been in St Kenneth's then All Saints with the same classmates since primary 1. She was refused a place, but was then given one on appeal. But she should have had priority as she was going from an associated primary where she has been since primary 1. It is a very unsettling time for children and they require their support network around them when moving. This should take priority over other placing requests who have no association with that school. All Saints has strong ties to Notre Dame, which is wasted if children aren't given priority.	10/18/2016 5:23 PM
15	Attending school with a peer group who have attended the same Primary School is important.	10/14/2016 3:08 PM
16	Moving from primary to secondary school is a disruptive time in a child's life, and it seems reasonable to want to reduce the impact of this change by allowing a child to remain with their existing schoolmates. However, it is also a time of opportunity for children to expand their horizons, and perhaps the best time to make a change if one has to be made.	10/6/2016 3:34 PM
17	These children have become friendly with their classmates or even grew up with them and most obvious choice would be that they would like to transcend into the secondary school that is associated with that primary as most of those children will be going there also. I do not think it to be fair that it should be made solely on where you stay to the catchment of the school as much as what primary you attended	10/5/2016 8:26 PM
18	No schools should remain accessible to all!	10/5/2016 5:57 PM
19	My children attend a Primary school based on child care arrangements which will not change when one of them starts high school. When applying for a placing request for Primary school this should cover not just the Primary but the feeder Secondary too. This should be figured out on the class sizes at Primary school at the start of the placing request process.	10/2/2016 11:25 PM

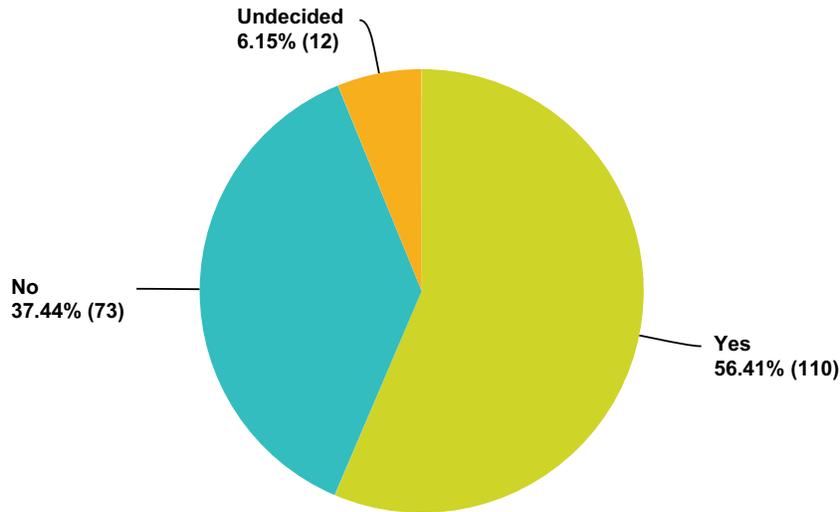
20	Its clearly set out in the Education Act (Scotland) distance is priority. Has Parliamentary agreement been given to this Council to change its laws on a whim because a certain school had an influx of non demoninational students won by my appeal or that they had to provide extra staff?	9/29/2016 12:18 PM
21	Every school should be of equal standard(theoretically) hence a child should go to any secondary from any primary.	9/28/2016 10:28 PM
22	I don't agree with the order as religion shouldn't be taking into it that part should be scrapped altogether.	9/28/2016 4:06 PM
23	This seems unfair as its not the childs fault if they have moved to a new area and only been in associated primary school a short time compared to the other kids.	9/28/2016 1:37 PM
24	This will help children to continue the education with their friends from the primary school. They will not feel lonely and enjoy more the next level of their education. This also could help to settle well in new school and avoid any unnecessary stress.	9/27/2016 10:13 PM
25	Children of primary school age often attend particular schools to suit employment locations of parents or locations of childcare. It is then unfair to separate these children from their classmates of seven years. Also, it is widely known that children from non-denominational primaries are being transferred to feeder schools of Notre Dame High School in primary 6 or 7 in order to get their children to attend this high school under the guide of location and travelling distance.	9/26/2016 9:45 PM
26	I made the decision to have my child attend a Catholic school through choice as I attended Catholic schools throughout my own childhood. I believe that both my children have and still benefit from this choice.	9/25/2016 2:40 PM
27	It should be catchment based on how close the child is from the school and not based on associated schools nor religious ethos.	9/23/2016 4:58 PM
28	I firmly believe that it is important for children to attend the same secondary school with the children they went through primary school with.	9/23/2016 1:03 PM
29	The association is likely to be on grounds of similar faith.	9/22/2016 7:50 PM
30	yes as I think it is paramount to a child's social aspect as well as educational they should be allowed to remain with the peers they have goes through 7 years of primary with. I also think that this rule should be above the fact that siblings are in the school dependant on how far away from the secondary school they live. ie a child has gone through a primary associated with the secondary and lives in Gourock I believe should be have more credibility of being allowed in the secondary than a child who has not attended the associated primary and lives in Inverkip or further and gets in because they have a sibling in the secondary already. that is not benefiting the child socially or educationally.	9/22/2016 6:27 PM
31	I don't necessarily agree that the placing request in primaries are correct, therefore I find it difficult to agree that these placements should get priority in secondary school.	9/21/2016 11:17 PM
32	I disagree with this proposal due to the detrimental impact on other primary schools. Specifically, my experience in Kilmacolm. Many pupils have left Kilmacolm Primary to join Bridge of Weir Primary due to Renfrewshire Council's placing request priorities. These give preference for Gryffe High School placing requests to children who have attended the associated primary school (Bridge of Weir). This has a direct detrimental impact on Kilmacolm Primary as pupils are taken out of year groups (with the associated impact of lost friendships for those left behind) due to parents trying to improve their chance of a placing request to Gryffe High School for secondary. Giving preference to children attending the associated primary school (even where those pupils have never lived in catchment for that associated primary school) is unfairly disadvantaging those pupils over others who have attended their catchment primary but wish to make a placing request for secondary.	9/21/2016 10:16 PM
33	the reasons given sound fair	9/21/2016 9:58 PM
34	think this may prevent people moving into the catchment purely to ensure place in secondary school.Plus is all their friends are moving to that school it seems unfair to exclude them.	9/21/2016 7:31 PM
35	This discriminates other pupils who's closest option is a lower performing school. The council's priority should be to raise the academic levels of all the high schools in inverclyde and that would solve the problems of over subscription at certain schools in the area.	9/21/2016 3:41 PM
36	That's discrimination	9/21/2016 2:54 PM
37	This does not place a fair weight on people who have moved to the area.	9/21/2016 9:00 AM
38	All primary school pupils who are in a primary school that is associated with the secondary school should attend that secondary without question.	9/21/2016 8:38 AM
39	It is imperative that children in feeder schools by means of a placing request are allowed into the associated secondary school. Current system is unfair in the way it allows children who have not attended an associated primary school to secure a place before them. Obviously priority should be given to children with special needs and siblings in the school with children in the feeder schools being given priority next. This criterion is imperative.	9/20/2016 10:54 PM

40	I feel this is discrimination on the basis of religion. Goes against what the Equality Act 2010	9/20/2016 8:07 PM
41	The criteria is clear as mud, however if I understand the jist of it, tenure that is outside the control of the child and could be down to a huge variety of reasons, is a criteria on which the request will be judged. Apart from being convenient, what value or quality does this addition to the criteria actually add? It's a just a numbers game really, hardly a sound basis for a decision.	9/20/2016 1:57 PM
42	If a child attends a primary school for many years whether on request or not then they should automatically go to the corresponding secondary school. Only reason they should not attend the secondary school is if they move home and they decide to move to school closer to their home. I have always felt it very unfair that a child goes through 7 years at primary school only to be told there may not be a place for them at the associated secondary. Pupils from other primary schools in area and close to secondary get places over the associated primary children is very unfair system	9/20/2016 1:29 PM
43	It's only fair that it goes to catchment schools the way it always has	9/20/2016 12:49 PM
44	I know from personal experience that the priority for any child is remaining with their friends and peer group. The level of anxiety caused to these children and families of having to attend a different school cannot be over emphasised. Also children in associated primaries will have been involved in lessons taken by teachers from the Secondary school. There is also the issue of which Foreign Language is taught in primary. In the past some children have done Spanish in primary and then gone to a secondary school which teaches French.	9/20/2016 12:36 PM
45	Children should attend the nearest school.	9/20/2016 11:07 AM
46	It is unfair to expect children who have spent up to seven years with their peers to be sent to a different secondary school for the rest of their school career.	9/20/2016 8:57 AM
47	It is important for children to be able to make the transition into secondary school along with their friends. Children in associated primaries are also more familiar with staff in the secondary school.	9/19/2016 11:32 PM
48	Attendees at a feeder school should be afforded priority.	9/19/2016 8:56 PM
49	I believe that children from a denominational primary school should be given priority when transitioning to secondary school if they have been a pupil of the primary for a few years	9/19/2016 8:29 PM
50	As a parent who due to unforeseen circumstances will have to move out with the catchment area for the high school associated with my daughters primary school I welcome this. It is extremely important that she progresses to secondary with the class group she has been with for the 7 years.	9/19/2016 8:07 PM
51	My child has a placing request for his Primary school due to child care arrangements. These child care arrangements will still be in place for both my children once my son starts high school, therefore, I will need a placing request for Secondary school. I feel it is only fair the placing request for his 7 years in Primary school should stay in place as he moves to high school. To remove him from his friends would be stressful and start his high school years under pressure. I also believe if you apply for a placing request at Primary school this should cover the feeder Secondary school.	9/19/2016 8:07 PM
52	My son has attended Ardgowan primary for 7 years. I believe it is important that where friendships are made at school, that the children have the choice to continue these friendships at the feeder secondary.. For the whole of p7' my son (as well us us as parents) worried he might be separated from his peers and forced into a school where he had no bond with the other children. My son would not have had the confidence to enter into his catchment secondary and that would have been increased worry for us..fortunately, his placing request was granted and he can continue his journey through high school with the friends he has known for 7 years.	9/19/2016 7:17 PM
53	It is very important that a child who has attended the associated primary for their entire primary school education have an automatic place at the associated secondary without exception. However, great care must be taken to ensure that parents do not abuse this by taking their child out of non-associated primaries to ensure their child gets a place at the secondary of their choice. I have already heard of one parent who was planning to take their child out of a non associated primary to complete primary 7 in an associated primary.	9/19/2016 6:21 PM
54	This would give all children from feeder schools the opportunity to remain with their peers and friendship groups that they have developed over a period of 7 years. This proposed alteration to the placing request criteria would help improve pupils' social and emotional well-being as a result of remaining with their friendship groups.	9/19/2016 6:04 PM
55	A child who is accepted to attend the feeder primary school should be allowed to continue their education alongside their peers in the secondary school associated to their primary.	9/19/2016 4:49 PM
56	I dont beleive that this makes sence? are you saying that a child who attends a primary feeder school for a specific secondary school had to have a placement request accepted to that primary school in order be accepted to that secondary?	9/19/2016 3:18 PM
57	Placing request should be based on where you live not the primary school you have managed to placing request into.	9/19/2016 12:10 PM

58	I feel that if a child has attended an associated primary school by means of a placing request then it would be wrong and detrimental to their well being and continuity of education if they are not allowed into the associated secondary school. Present system is unfair and does not take this into consideration so MUST be changed. Children in feeder schools should be allowed into associated secondary schools. I strongly agree with this proposed change.	9/19/2016 11:16 AM
59	If a child attends a feeder school , either by placing request or right to remain , they should be referred automatically to the secondary school attached. It would reduce emotional distress for the children and families involved and would also give more of an idea as to protected rolls for secondary school.	9/19/2016 10:18 AM

Q2 Do you agree with the addition of criterion 4 for placing requests? In the case of denominational schools: pupils who can demonstrate an affinity with the religious ethos of the school and can provide documentary evidence of this in the form of a certificate of baptism into the Catholic faith.

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1	No, religion should not be a factor in assigning school places. It is divisive and works against the principles of equality and inclusion.	11/7/2016 10:41 PM
2	Catholic schools pride themselves on accepting every religion. As a non-Catholic teacher working in a denominational school, I have witnessed many pupils attending who do not have an "affinity with the religious ethos" and opt out of attending mass etc. while those non-Catholic pupils go along and support the ethos of the school. In Scotland, you don't need to be baptised by the Catholic church to gain entry to a denominational school. You can be christened in Church of Scotland and it would take the place of a baptismal certificate. I think this needs to be clear to avoid further segregation.	11/7/2016 10:02 PM
3	As a parent who chooses to send my children to a Catholic school, I believe strongly in the partnership between home, school and parish to provide the foundation of Faith formation and also values. I also know that there are many parents who choose to send their children to Catholic schools even though they are not Catholic because of the ethos and Christian values which they promote.	11/7/2016 9:24 PM
4	This criteria will give an element of priority to pupils who are Catholic but still allows pupils to opt in to a Catholic Education, even if they are not of that faith.	11/7/2016 8:11 PM
5	Excludes people to whom a strong religious ethos is of paramount importance and who can demonstrate commitment to the spirit of Catholic values. Not fair to immigrants. Religion is a personal matter - don't discriminate.	11/7/2016 4:36 PM
6	St Columba's Parent Council are concerned that if the School Transport proposals go ahead, along with these changes that this will make it easier for pupils from our associated Primary School's to move to Notre Dame High School and other secondary schools. In particular, families who live within our catchment area, however, from a distance and public transport perspective are closer to or easier to access another school will opt to apply for a placing request and be successful. This change if implemented could have an impact on our school roll.	11/6/2016 7:39 PM

7	It seems only fair that children who can demonstrate such an affinity are given priority over those who cannot. Furthermore, this will assist the teaching of this within the curriculum.	11/6/2016 4:11 PM
8	Some parent council members felt this criteria could aggravate the religious divide	10/28/2016 3:56 PM
9	I have no problem with criteria 4 up to and including the words religious ethos of the school. However, I do not believe that having a certificate of baptism provides evidence of an affinity with this ethos. In 32 years teaching in a denominational school, I knew many non catholic who had a great affinity to the schools religious ethos and equally many catholics who didnt	10/28/2016 3:53 PM
10	Again this is religious discrimination against Children, If Notre dame and other Inverclyde schools performed to the same level then there would be no need for these proposals. Inverclyde council is denying non religious children a better educational service due to religion. Non denominational High Schools within Inverclyde do not perform to the level in which Notre dame does therefore Inverclyde council are providing better staffing and a educational resources to Catholic children.	10/26/2016 12:19 PM
11	Baptismal certificate - Yes Letter from Clergy- No	10/25/2016 7:45 PM
12	This demonstrates clear discrimination against all children of non-Catholic heritage, who will be significantly disadvantaged in relation to placing requests to attend three of the six secondary schools in the local authority. This could lead to material breaches of the local authority's responsibility to improve wellbeing outcomes for all young people, as outlined in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act.	10/25/2016 6:07 PM
13	Totally unacceptable criteria for selecting which application is accepted for this obvious reason; Inverclyde has a catholic secondary school already allocated to each catchment area, if a catholic family are applying for a placement request to a catholic secondary school then clearly their rationale for making the request is not on a religious basis but on some other criteria such as quality of the school they wish to send their child to or proximity to after school family support. It is most likely that a non catholic family are making such a placement request on exactly the same basis so why should the non catholic family be victimised based on their religion as religion is not the principle reason for either application. It seems clear to me that the introduction of such a policy may be seen as a victimisation based on religion as it is clear that religion is not the reason for either family making the application in first place. In my opinion such a victimisation may be subject to legal challenge on the basis of equality.	10/24/2016 11:11 PM
14	Clearly, each area in Inverclyde has a delegated Catholic school, so to consider by way of religion for a placing request is totally unjust. Clearly the Catholic family is applying for a placing request NOT for religious reasons but on some other attraction to that school; most likely the exact same reason a non-Catholic family would be applying! Such discrimination on these grounds would clearly be a breach of the non-Catholic's human rights and would surely be open (quite rightly so) to legal challenge.	10/24/2016 10:42 PM
15	If people choose to go to a Catholic school, they should be of that faith.	10/22/2016 3:58 PM
16	Children who have chosen to go to a denominational sector establishment are there for religious education, non religious children aren't and shouldn't take that away from an over subscribed denominational school	10/18/2016 6:30 PM
17	Since it is assumed that the Catholic church provide some funding for the school this would seem fair.	10/14/2016 3:08 PM
18	The Denominational schools are publicly funded so should be available equally to children of all backgrounds and faiths. To favour certain religions regardless of the school is discrimination.	10/12/2016 1:28 PM
19	This would be discrimination on religious grounds, to deny children school placing based on religion is unfair. All parents pay council tax and the schools are publicly funded, no church of any denomination funds them. Moreover to deny a child who lives in the catchment area to give places to those outwith a catchment area, based on religious grounds is again, a form of discrimination.	10/12/2016 12:22 PM
20	When a school is oversubscribed the reason for this needs to be looked into. Where the school in question is oversubscribed as its deemed a 'better' school and academically out performs other schools in the area. This needs to be investigated by the council and best practices shared across the other schools in the district. What is the school doing differently compared to the others? Nobody should be denied the opportunity of attending a council school due to religion. Amending the selection criteria does not address the actual root of the problem, which is understanding why its oversubscribed in the first instance. Is it due to the locations of the other High Schools, do parents not agree with the ethos and policies of the other schools, do they have a poor track record on results, bullying or extra curricular activities? All this needs to be addressed or certain schools will continue to remain over subscribed and parents and children will continue to be disappointed that they are unable to attend their school of choice.	10/9/2016 4:51 PM
21	4 pupils took part in this survey and 1 thought the response should be yes because children who are of the catholic faith should have chance to attend catholic schools.	10/7/2016 10:23 AM
22	I think the concept of segregated faith schools is completely anachronistic, and all faith schools should be abolished in favour of a completely secular education system. I cannot see how discriminating against children who don't have a certificate of baptism will foster better relations within different religious and non-religious groups in society. I fear that introducing such a barrier will be counter-productive, giving religious leaders greater influence over the school.	10/6/2016 3:34 PM

23	i have no knowledge of this , but i would suppose that to attend a catholic school then there should be an element of catholic faith possibly but not too much i can comment on about this.	10/5/2016 8:26 PM
24	Religion and schooling together are divisive and have no place in a modern society. Splitting friends and family members up due to religion smacks of a backward society.	10/5/2016 5:57 PM
25	No child should be denied a place at a school based on their religion.	10/4/2016 9:16 PM
26	I am undecided about this point. If a denominational school has better results than a non denominational school, there may be quite a few families wishing to send their children there in the hope that they will achieve better grades. I don't think that the religion of the child should be factored into the decision around a place in the school. Being of Catholic faith, I can understand the reasons why evidence may be requested but I don't think it should affect a child's education.	10/4/2016 1:24 PM
27	Faith needs to be a priority from Primary school through to Secondary. You cannot choose at high school age to send your child to a denominational school, therefore, children who go to a denominational Primary wanting to go to a denominational Secondary should take priority on a placing request.	10/2/2016 11:25 PM
28	Its clearly set out in the Education Act (Scotland) distance comes before denomination. This is a Government matter...not a local Councils. Has it been passed in Parliament that you intend changing this statute? Notre dame is a Council run school, the people of Inverclyde under this council are of mixed denomination and therefore the school should be open to those in the catchment area. If its to purely Catholic, the Catholic Church should be paying for it, not the locals. The point of going to school is to be educated...not for religion.	9/29/2016 12:18 PM
29	In this century, there should be NO denominational schools .Schooling should be secular and not encourage sectarianism Keep religion at home	9/28/2016 10:28 PM
30	Segregation in schools has been a blight on our society for generations and this only serves to further entrench these divisive and outdated religiously orientated 'education' rules.	9/28/2016 5:04 PM
31	I don't beleive religion should dictate what school any child should go to as in my opinion it is trying to force a divide between catholic and all other religions as in a place like inverclyde there is a big enough divide.My son attends whinhill primary and live in the catchment area for high school notre dame and basically if this happened my son wouldn't be allowed to attend this school due to being non religious and would have to attend a school further away because of this. I feel I should be able to put my kids into any school in any area without religion being forced upon them.	9/28/2016 4:06 PM
32	I think the question of "Baptism into the Catholic faith" is erroneous as all Christian Baptisms are into the Christian Faith of "ONE Catholic and Apostolic Church" and there has been long standing recognition of Baptisms into Christian Faith (in Scotland, and the rest of the UK) between differing denominations of Christianity. In essence Christian Baptism is recognised and respected by all denominations, even when a person is Baptised in a Roman Catholic Church or Church of a Reformed Tradition (widely known as Protestant). The very fact that a person should only receive one Baptism in their lifetime whether or not they later decide to follow/join another denomination, is theologically sound and prohibits the need for someone who was baptised as an infant (or at any other time) being re-baptised. They may well be baptised in one denomination and "confirmed" in another. Therefore baptism is a Christian Sacrament of Worship, not necessarily a Roman Catholic Sacrament of worship, which negates the issue of Baptismal certificates "proving" any affiliation to Roman Catholicism and Denominational Schooling.	9/28/2016 3:23 PM
33	Is this not punishing people because of religion some kids do not practice any religion as family feel they would like them to make there own choices regarding religion . the kids with no religion would then be excluded from applying.	9/28/2016 1:37 PM
34	It will help the school to accept the children of the parents who continue the same value, including any religious ethos, as the school.	9/27/2016 10:13 PM
35	Why would parents with no affinity to the Catholic faith want their child to attend a Catholic school? It is the case they think the standard of education/discipline is higher in Catholic schools. This has to be addressed- Inverclyde Academy has a terrible reputation, I don't claim to know if this is deserved or not but something has to be done to change this perception. The situation where Catholic pupils may not be able to attend a Catholic high school due to a high number of pupils with no affinity for that religion is ludicrous.	9/26/2016 9:45 PM
36	I believe that children who have been baptised in to the Catholic faith, have grown and attended the Catholic primary school associated with the secondary school should be given priority. when placing requests are put forward regardless of catchment area.	9/25/2016 2:40 PM
37	In this day and age discriminating on children due to their religion is obscene!!	9/23/2016 4:58 PM
38	Priority should be given to all the pupils from the denominational feeder schools in the catchment area	9/23/2016 1:49 AM
39	We feel that all children in the feeder denomination primary school, have priority over children from outwith the feeder school or of a different faith	9/23/2016 1:43 AM

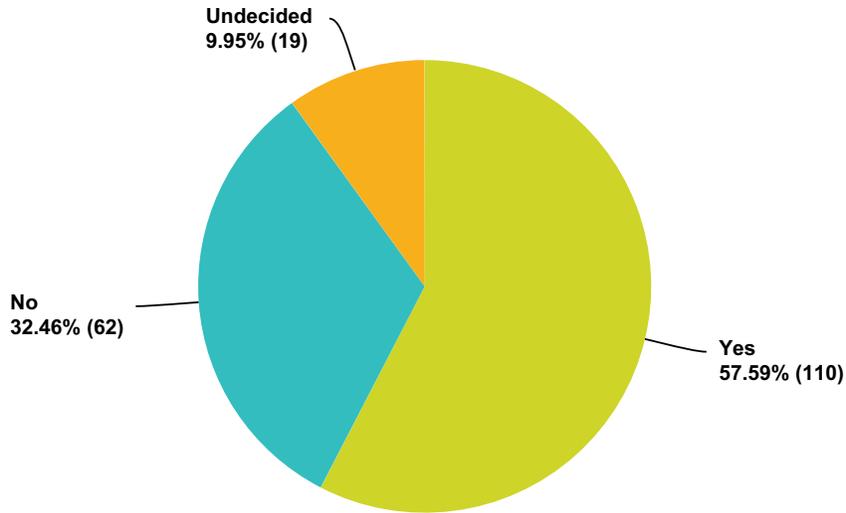
40	It is unacceptable that the faith of a child's parents afford their child a preferred placing to a school. Additionally, there is no meaningful facility to establish if the child considers themselves of that faith. I believe the beaches the right of the child. Additionally religious minorities would find it harder to obtain school places.	9/22/2016 7:50 PM
41	I am undecided about this as for a non Catholic school there is no evidence as there is no religion therefore the non catholics are at a disadvantage as they are not allowed to go to the Catholic school. personally I would abolish the separate schools and allow everyone to go to the same school. religion should be taught in the church of the parents choice.	9/22/2016 6:27 PM
42	A Catholic child will have the opportunity to choose to attend a denominational school or a non-denominational school whereas a Non-Catholic child will only have the choice of a non-denominational school. This means that Catholic children will have two choices against only one choice for Non-Catholics so the Catholic child will have an unfair advantage over the others. This means that the system would be unfairly slanted against the Non-Catholics.	9/22/2016 3:20 PM
43	I feel that this breaches equality legislation that states you must not discriminate on the grounds of a protected characteristic. In this case religion. This may apply both direct and indirect discrimination against someone due to their religion or lack of religion. Religion or belief (1)Religion means any religion and a reference to religion includes a reference to a lack of religion. (2)Belief means any religious or philosophical belief and a reference to belief includes a reference to a lack of belief. (3)In relation to the protected characteristic of religion or belief— (a)a reference to a person who has a particular protected characteristic is a reference to a person of a particular religion or belief; (b)a reference to persons who share a protected characteristic is a reference to persons who are of the same religion or belief.	9/22/2016 2:12 PM
44	I feel that this is discriminatory towards children and families that are not practicing a faith but may still feel an affinity and still consider themselves religious. I also feel that since the denominational schools are perceived as being 'better' it is unfair to exclude or prioritise one set of children over another. This would be a huge step backwards in my opinion is sectarian in nature.	9/22/2016 12:43 PM
45	There are options. You don't just suddenly decide at secondary level that you now want your child to have a catholic education nor should you send your child to a catholic school with the view you will not make them participate in any religious study at all. There are non denominational schools for that.	9/22/2016 9:41 AM
46	If someone who has attended a denominational primary but lives close and chooses to go to a non denominational secondary and would have no problem being placed (since they are within the catchment), why should it be different the other way around? This idea is completely wrong and taking us backwards in our segregation issues we already have in society	9/21/2016 11:17 PM
47	Whilst I sympathise with Catholic parents who see non Catholic children being prioritised to their disadvantage, I disagree with Inverclyde Council providing separate denominational education at all. Therefore I have answered this as undecided.	9/21/2016 10:16 PM
48	this change sounds fair	9/21/2016 9:58 PM
49	Rather than a baptism certificate they should provide evidence that they attend a Catholic Church as many people have their children baptised and don't come back until holy communion time, it would be unfair if a practising Catholic child missed out on a place at a catholic school to someone who had s certificate but not known to the church.	9/21/2016 9:26 PM
50	This breads discrimination and is archaic	9/21/2016 9:05 PM
51	I don't feel priority should be given to religious factors I think the other proposed criteria are more important in deciding on priority placing requests.	9/21/2016 9:00 PM
52	A school should be an environment for learning not for religion - that is what churches are for. On that basis I can't agree with people getting priority purely because they follow a certain religion. That is discriminatory.	9/21/2016 8:11 PM
53	Vital that children who share the religious ethos of the school get priority over those who don't especially when those same children wish to be excused from religious services and education.	9/21/2016 7:31 PM
54	I don't agree with this as I feel that now people will baptise children just to get them into the school. If you are looking to ensure that the kids have he same religion they should be practising in that faith. Just because a piece of paper says they were baptised doesn't mean they follow the faith. Religion should be no part of it. If I want my child to go to that school is to do with location and the fact it's a good school nothing with religion.	9/21/2016 7:04 PM
55	It should be about giving the child the best education possible and not discriminate due to religious beliefs, its 2016 for goodness sake. There shouldn't even be denominational schools in Scotland anymore. Religion should be a choice of the pupil.	9/21/2016 3:41 PM
56	Places should be allocated on catchment not faith	9/21/2016 2:54 PM

57	Schools should be for all i.e. All Inverclyde schools should be non-denominational. It's outdated. If parents want their kids educated in one specific faith then send them to church / Sunday school. It's categorically unfair that non-Catholics do not get a choice where as catholic parents do. Kids education should be free from politics and religion.	9/21/2016 12:56 PM
58	I believe it is wrong to give EDUCATIONAL priority to any child based on the religion their parents have chosen for them to follow. What is paramount here is education, not religion!	9/21/2016 10:02 AM
59	I disagree with this in the strongest possible terms. There should be NO situation in this country in the 21st century where a child is treated differently because of their religion or lack of it. The fact that we have state funded faith schools is something this country should be ashamed of. Religion should be covered as part of an inclusive RME program and this kind of discrimination is divisive and sends the wrong message.	9/21/2016 9:00 AM
60	Placing requests should be based solely on catchment area.	9/21/2016 8:38 AM
61	Children must be allowed to attend whichever school is in their area otherwise this is classed as religious bigotry and could be removal of their rights to an education.	9/20/2016 9:58 PM
62	No point in going to a catholic school if your not catholic likewise attending a catholic primary then going to a non denomination secondary as it is closer to home i.e. Round the corner , should not be allowed	9/20/2016 9:25 PM
63	As above	9/20/2016 8:07 PM
64	Catholic Children should be given priority over non catholic children with regards to placing request, if there is there is a surplus of places then the other criteria should come into play. One has to remember though that catholic schools receive public fund and are not private therefore if places are available for non catholic children then they must accommodate.	9/20/2016 2:20 PM
65	I do not have children yet, however I would find it very prejudicial that in the future, my child could be refused to allow to attend a school because of their religion. Given that this/these schools are in receipt of public funds, I find this addition a regressive step - not progressive. I oppose this addition completely.	9/20/2016 1:57 PM
66	Some children in associated primaries may be not part of the religion but have gone through 7 years of primary and made friends. I do realise that for the over-subscribed secondary this is a challenge but again if these kids spend 7 years in a denominational primary but do not belong to the religion then they should still be given place at associated secondary	9/20/2016 1:29 PM
67	Why should a child that is not from a religious or mixed religious background not be able to attend a school whether they or there family practice in a faith or not. There should not be any boundaries in regards to religion about where you can or can't apply for a placing request. Parents for what ever reason may not want there child(ren) to attend the feeder secondary, why should a child be limited to what school they can apply for. Any Religion should not be part of the criteria for a placing request.	9/20/2016 12:44 PM
68	Whilst accepting that Denominational schools are not only for people of one Faith it is very difficult for parents to see children of an alternative or no Faith getting a place when their child may have attended a Denominational Primary for 7 years but be denied a place in the associated Secondary.	9/20/2016 12:36 PM
69	As a parent I had my children baptised and take them to church. If you want your children to be brought up with religious beliefs then you have to take them to church and teach them about that faith. The fact that you are baptised in a faith does not necessarily mean that you practice said faith. I know being a Christian does not necessarily mean you attend church either. Children should attend their nearest school regardless of what religion they are. Religion should be for the home and schools should be for learning about all faiths to promote tolerance.	9/20/2016 11:07 AM
70	We all pay our taxes and fund denominational schools and therefore pupils should not be discriminated against for their choice of religion. I find it appalling that it's even suggested. If families want their children to be taught religion they should go to Sunday school or seek religious support from the church or attend a private funded school. What is suggested is that pupils with a religious ethos could have equal rights to non denominational schools and priority to denominational schools. This is an unfair advantage and discriminatory. I do not support this and am angry my taxes may fund this.	9/20/2016 10:39 AM
71	Out dated. The council caused this problem off placement by changing non denominational schools into Catholic schools. There should be no religion involved. Children ideally should attend the school closest to their home thus sorting out the travel costs. Why should anyone be given preference because of religion. If you want religious schools they should be private the same as Ceders or St Columbus in Kilmacolm.	9/20/2016 9:30 AM
72	Catholic children should be afforded priority to attend a catholic school.	9/19/2016 8:56 PM
73	A child who is baptised living next door to an unbaptised child should not have any advantage over his friend and neighbour. Many parents choose not to baptise their child in order that the child chooses his/her faith themselves when mature enough.	9/19/2016 8:19 PM

74	I feel it is perfectly acceptable to grant placing to those practice that particular religion as the will benefit the most from attending that school	9/19/2016 8:07 PM
75	My child had attended a Catholic Primary school and has been Christened a Catholic, made his first confession, first communion and is due to make his confirmation. We regularly attend Sunday mass and want his Catholic education to continue into Secondary school. Therefore I believe he should take priority over a child who has attended a non denominational school whose religious education was not a priority in Primary school.	9/19/2016 8:07 PM
76	State schools should be for all, no matter what their religion or non religion. As its against the law to discriminate against someone' religious beliefs in almost all other regulations, schools and education must not be exempt.	9/19/2016 7:54 PM
77	Does not apply to me.	9/19/2016 7:17 PM
78	I feel that is discrimination	9/19/2016 6:36 PM
79	This clause is perpetuating sectarian segregation. Pupils of any religious denomination should be able to choose educational establishments. In inverclyde, the geographical placement of non denominational schools and the proposed transport changes make it difficult for many pupils to get to a non denominational school. I am strongly opposed to this policy as I feel it is a form of religious discrimination.	9/19/2016 4:57 PM
80	I do not agree as pupils can demonstrate an affinity with the religious ethos of a school without the need for a baptism certificate! sometimes more so than those that do	9/19/2016 3:18 PM
81	We as I society should move forward, our children should be given every chance to improve their 'education' and shouldn't base this education on their families ties to a religion	9/19/2016 3:04 PM
82	I don't believe in this day and age that school pupils should be segregated or given preferential treatment based on religion. Will the same occur for non denominational schools? Will pupils be given priority if their family is not religious? Surely if a decent education was given in all schools there would be no need for this ruling to be put in place. If this has become an issue recently do the council not need to question why there has been an increase in placement requests to catholic school? As these are all new build schools surely they can't be at capacity, was proper planning not in place?	9/19/2016 2:47 PM
83	My belief is that schools should not be identified via religion. It creates a culture of divide. All schools should be mixed with no emphasis on one religion.	9/19/2016 2:18 PM
84	This piece of paper reflects the parents religious affinity, not the child's. How can a 5 year old, for example, be expected to 'demonstrate their religious affinity' in any meaningful way? Adding this criteria means discrimination with public funds against children whose parents have a different faith or none.	9/19/2016 1:45 PM
85	I don't agree that Inverkip and Wemyss bay children should have direct access to st Columbas high school when they are not affiliated with the catholic faith. Ultimately if there were too many children going to st Columbas my child could be one of the children not getting in when she goes to a denominational primary school and attends the Catholic Church regularly in favour of a child who attends the non denominational primary school or who has no affiliation with the faith.	9/19/2016 1:34 PM
86	Only if catholic families cannot put in placing requests for non-denominational schools also in the interest of fairness as they would then have double the choice over non catholic families.	9/19/2016 12:10 PM
87	Children who practice a certain faith should take priority with associated schools over those who don't.	9/19/2016 10:18 AM

Q3 Do you agree with the order of priority for the allocation for placing requests?

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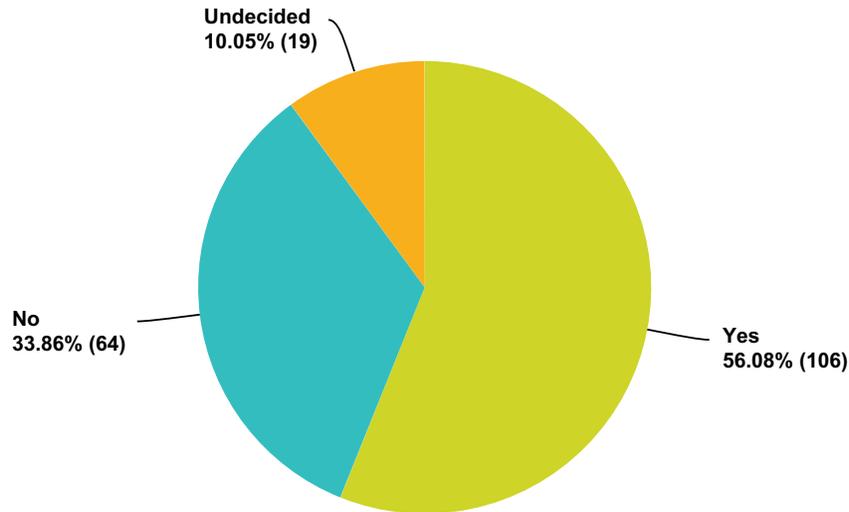
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1	In the event that these were imposed I think that they should be the other way round i.e denomination followed by length of time.	11/7/2016 10:41 PM
2	I think that the order is balanced, fair and makes sense.	11/7/2016 8:11 PM
3	No7 should be higher up. Inclusion has big impact on learning. No4 should be lower (swap with either 5 or 6).	11/7/2016 4:36 PM
4	I do not agree with the first priority. I believe that ASN places are 'allocated' by the ASN Monitoring Forum and should appear in this policy document as a separate listing.	11/7/2016 3:49 PM
5	I assume that this question relates to the proposed changes to priority. In my opinion, the new criteria proposed will make the Admissions Policy fairer as the transition will be more seamless from an associated primary.	11/6/2016 4:11 PM
6	We would prefer to see Criteria 4 moved in between 6 and 7 if its retained. So that the new order of priority would be 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	10/28/2016 3:56 PM
7	With the content include for question 2	10/28/2016 3:53 PM
8	I agree with children with disabilities and sibling in the school being accepted first as this school may be able to provide support others cannot but I do not agree with the new proposed order.	10/26/2016 12:19 PM
9	Children of non-Catholic heritage should not be disadvantaged in any way in the allocation of placing requests.	10/25/2016 6:07 PM
10	No 4 is ridiculous!	10/24/2016 11:11 PM
11	I agree with the above list of priorities.	10/22/2016 3:58 PM
12	No additional comments to add.	10/14/2016 3:08 PM
13	7. Special needs met by certain schools should be higher regardless of area	10/12/2016 1:28 PM
14	Remove number 4 or exchange 4 to number 8 and push 5, 6, 7 & 8 up one place.	10/12/2016 12:22 PM
15	There was no common agreement with the order.	10/7/2016 10:23 AM
16	The absence of a 'certificate of baptism' should have no bearing whatsoever on the educational options open to a child.	10/6/2016 3:34 PM

17	Proximity of school should be a priority. My child lives a 10 minute walk to Notre Dame but will be expected to walk 4 times that to get to St Columba's. The lineage requires to be looked at.	10/2/2016 11:25 PM
18	Priority should be given first to children who live in the catchment areawhy buy a house in Inverkip then have to send your child to a school in a different area because the school is virtually full . This is happening now because so many placing requests have been accepted from kids from Greenock wemyss bay etc . I don't think the sibling rule should be an automatic right when a school is struggling for space .	9/30/2016 11:30 AM
19	I agree with The Education Act (Scotland) that distance and catchment areas should have priority. I will contest this move in a court of law as is my right under the same Education Act.	9/29/2016 12:18 PM
20	Again, if every school was equal what matter , other than distance to walk, should it make?	9/28/2016 10:28 PM
21	1. If the needs of a child with ASN can only be provided by a specific school; why are they not automatically placed there instead of being considered a placing request? 2. Sibling rule is fine. 3. Associated Primary and previous length of time in said primary would be more acceptable. 4. I think my reservations to no. 4 are obvious given response above. 5. - 8. are acceptable	9/28/2016 3:23 PM
22	Kids with disabilities should be considered 1st.	9/28/2016 1:37 PM
23	I agree fully with the specific needs of children being met were the school caters for this. I feel that as a parent who chose for my children to attend a specific primary Catholic school with the intention of them being able to attend the associated secondary school can then be left with this choice being taken away from me and my child regardless of catchment area.	9/25/2016 2:40 PM
24	it should be medical conditions, followed by closeness to the school (catchment area), followed by family set up (siblings in school).	9/23/2016 4:58 PM
25	I think in cases with denominational schools after medical grounds then it should be priority to those with proof of affinity with the religious ethos of the school that get next priority.	9/23/2016 9:32 AM
26	No, 5 & 6 should not be criteria.	9/22/2016 7:50 PM
27	as described above I think that the associated school should be before the sibling rule.	9/22/2016 6:27 PM
28	Disagree with addition of item 4.	9/22/2016 6:25 PM
29	With the exception of number 3.	9/22/2016 2:12 PM
30	As stated above, the prioritisation of one group over another based on faith is wrong and sectarian - it is a step backwards in my opinion. I completely accept and understand prioritising a child based on physical or special needs but not faith.	9/22/2016 12:43 PM
31	No.2 has been given too high a priority. If a child requires special support in a particular school, why should their younger sibling who doesn't be given priority over others?	9/22/2016 8:48 AM
32	N/A since I disagree with the additional of criterion 3.	9/21/2016 10:16 PM
33	If a child attended a non denominational primary school they should not be entitled to a place in a denominational secondary school no matter how convenient the location may be.	9/21/2016 9:26 PM
34	im unsure whether reason 4 should be above reason 3. I trust that when a placing request is put in in primary school that these come under the same scrutiny.	9/21/2016 7:31 PM
35	.	9/21/2016 7:04 PM
36	Again it should be about offering an equal and effective academic opportunity to all children in inverclyde.. If all the schools were highly achieving this wouldn't be an issue.	9/21/2016 3:41 PM
37	Distance a child lives from the school should be a priority over religious affinity.	9/21/2016 10:02 AM
38	4 should not be included at all.	9/21/2016 9:00 AM
39	Placing requests should only be based on catchment area.	9/21/2016 8:38 AM
40	Catchment over religion or faith	9/20/2016 8:07 PM
41	3 should be above 2	9/20/2016 5:36 PM
42	Again - the criteria as written are so poorly written as to be almost impossible to clearly understand - if there are 8, then something fundamental is wrong if IC think they need 8!	9/20/2016 1:57 PM
43	for me if the child attends the primary they automatically go to the associated secondary. then specific criteria can be put in place to allow requests from others in area.	9/20/2016 1:29 PM

44	Point 4 - should not be a criteria at all or at least at the bottom.	9/20/2016 12:44 PM
45	I will be looking for a placing request as my twins will be in St Josephs and I do not want them in this school as I work for HSCP and this is a school intake for SW places and feel that they may discuss issues in regards to there personal lives with me and do not wish this to happens, in addition the main reason is childcare issues. I have no-one apart from my in laws to pick me kids up from school, my mother in law is registered disabled and they live in Gibshill so its to far for them to travel every day to pick the kids up. They are in Blairemore Nursery due to childcare and this has to be done by a placing request. I feel that everyone has different situation and should be looked at on an individual basis	9/20/2016 12:18 PM
46	No the distance of home from the school should come first.	9/20/2016 11:07 AM
47	Religion shouldn't come before location of where child lives	9/20/2016 10:59 AM
48	4 should be removed.	9/20/2016 10:39 AM
49	This is because of the crazy placements set out by council. People with a Gourrock address had to put placements for their children into Gourrock schools & then will have to do same for High school. The council thought it was more sensible for them to go to a Greenock school.	9/20/2016 9:30 AM
50	Children with siblings in the school should have the first priority. It could be a logistical nightmare for parents with primary school age children in different schools. Younger children look to their older siblings when beginning school for both comfort and reassurance.	9/19/2016 11:32 PM
51	Children who have attended an associated primary scool should automatically be given a place there should be no question about it. Being in a catchment school should mean you would be automatically accepted no matter what.	9/19/2016 9:25 PM
52	I can understand the order of placing requests however I do believe the lineage requires to be looked at again. We live a 5 minute walk to Notre Dame HS but our catchment is St Columba's in Gourrock which would take my child over 30 minutes to walk to.	9/19/2016 8:07 PM
53	this is because I don't agree with the "catchment area" policy.. I believe kids who attend a primary should automatically feed into the secondary school attached. If the policy was changed as above, then I would agree: -that children with disabilities should take priority, -followed by children with siblings - and then requests for kids within the catchment could apply for placing requests if the want to attend a non feeder secondary.	9/19/2016 7:17 PM
54	Dont agree with siblings. What about only child or children whose siblings have left the school in question ?	9/19/2016 6:21 PM
55	I would be happy if the religious clause was removed. If maintained this should be the last in order of priority.	9/19/2016 4:57 PM
56	I would agree with the process had this come into force prior to my children starting Primary school where we would have needed to make an informed choice at that time. Now it seems as though you are trying to remove ones freedom of choice when looking at a childs secondary education.	9/19/2016 3:18 PM
57	I would of hoped with the new schools that all would have facilities to provide education to anyone with additional support needs. I also agree with number 2, it would be unfeasible for children from the same home to attend different schools. No 3 I would imagine will panic a lot of parents locally into disrupting their child's current primary education in order to ensure a place at their chosen high school. No4 will be piece of paper to many (not all) and again I don't agree that children should be segregated by religious background.	9/19/2016 2:47 PM
58	Criterion 4 - religious affiliation - should not, if included at all, have a higher priority than distance to school within catchment area. A child living adjacent to a denominational school may be denied a place due to parental beliefs?	9/19/2016 1:45 PM
59	I believe children of a denominational faith should have first refusal of the denominational high school before any other placing request.	9/19/2016 1:34 PM
60	I agree that children with siblings deserve a place first and all children in feeder schools deserve a place also before any child who wishes to go to a secondary school that is not associated with their primary school. It's unfair that some children can get into a secondary school when they haven't attended the associated primary school before those children who have.	9/19/2016 11:16 AM
61	I believe a child who attends a primary school should not have to have a placing request in the first place. If they are in a feeder school , there should be an automatic entry into the associated secondary school.	9/19/2016 10:18 AM

Q4 This question is about the order of allocation of places in the unlikely event that a school is oversubscribed for pupils within the catchment area for their chosen denomination. Do you agree with the order of the allocation of places if a school is oversubscribed for pupils within the catchment area?

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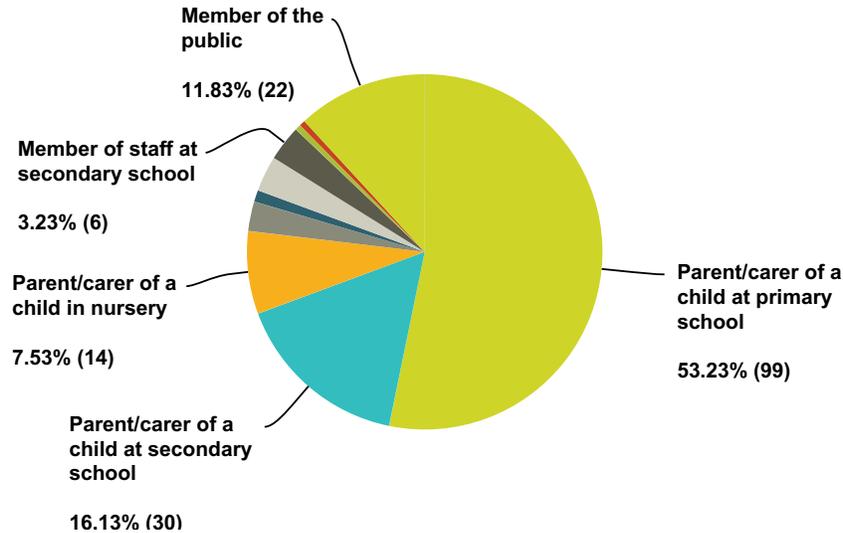
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1	However, many non- Catholic young people who attend denominational secondary school not only contribute but help to enhance the faith life of the school.	11/7/2016 9:24 PM
2	Swap 3 & 4. Closeness to school more important to avoid lateness.	11/7/2016 4:36 PM
3	However given my comment at Q3, I would like to see an added mention re the Forum.	11/7/2016 3:49 PM
4	Once again, I assume that this question relates to the proposed changes to the policy and I agree that those proposals should be approved. The changes are both fair and conducive to more seamless transition to secondary education from associated schools.	11/6/2016 4:11 PM
5	The order should be similar to above, 1,2,3,4,	10/28/2016 3:56 PM
6	with the same content included in question 2	10/28/2016 3:53 PM
7	There should be no preference given to placing requests on the basis of a child's faith heritage.	10/25/2016 6:07 PM
8	If a child attends a primary school they should be automatically sent to the secondary school that school feeds into. The pressures and emotional strains of moving a child away from the friends they had for 7 years would be hugely detrimental to their development	10/24/2016 11:11 PM
9	If the child attends the primary school associated with the secondary school, then the child should get a place regardless of where they live.	10/19/2016 4:21 PM
10	This will stop people using the school for its location	10/18/2016 6:30 PM
11	No additional comments to add.	10/14/2016 3:08 PM

12	I dont believe religion should be a factor at all	10/12/2016 1:28 PM
13	Priorities should be needs based, in the first instance regarding the needs of the child, in terms of support needs and association to feeder school and in the second instance the needs of the whole family, for example travelling distance, employment area of parents/guardians. No religious grounds should be taken account of. Point 4 should be removed or placed as point 8 and following points moved up one place each.	10/12/2016 12:22 PM
14	1 pupil out of 4 agreed.	10/7/2016 10:23 AM
15	As above.	10/6/2016 3:34 PM
16	Denomination should not be used as an entitlement for placing within schools!	10/5/2016 5:57 PM
17	As above the proximity of the home address to the school should be priority. Why should a child who lives 5 - 10 minutes walk from a school be expected to walk 4 times that to their catchment school. Lineage requires to be looked at.	10/2/2016 11:25 PM
18	Distance should remain the priority. Demonination is secondary. Education (Scotland) Act.	9/29/2016 12:18 PM
19	Again.....schools should be equal.....	9/28/2016 10:28 PM
20	1. If the needs of a child with ASN can only be provided by a specific school; where are they not automatically placed there instead of being considered a placing request? 2. Sibling rule is fine. 3. Associated Primary and previous length of time in said primary is more acceptable. Also note my reservations regarding Baptismal certificates. 4. Distance from home address is acceptable.	9/28/2016 3:23 PM
21	I feel my child should not be penalised because their sibling has left the said secondary school before they start. The choice to have my child attend a specific school is also for reasons beyond the choice of faith. As a working parent who relies on Grandparents to look after my children whilst I work. The choice of schools was also chosen early on because of were they live and for my children to be near them.	9/25/2016 2:40 PM
22	There should be sufficient places for all the denominational children from the feeder schools in the first instance, only then should requests from denominational children outwith the catchment area be considered, before any non denominational requests are considered	9/23/2016 1:49 AM
23	There should be sufficient spaces in denomination schools for all the pupils coming up from the feeder schools in the catchment areas, irrelevant of requests from pupils outwith the catchment area & from other faiths	9/23/2016 1:43 AM
24	No, denomination considerations should not be taken into account	9/22/2016 7:50 PM
25	With the exception of 3.	9/22/2016 2:12 PM
26	Unsure of what the actual policy is	9/22/2016 12:45 PM
27	Basing it on special or physical needs yes but not basing it on faith. Discriminating between people based on faith and religion is wrong and a step backwards.	9/22/2016 12:43 PM
28	Again, no.2 is too high a priority. I would not be happy if my child did not get into the school just because they didn't have an older sibling there I I lived closer to the school than them.	9/22/2016 8:48 AM
29	People within the catchment should always get priority, regardless of their religion	9/21/2016 11:17 PM
30	For denominational schools faith should be the top priority, distance to and from school should not feature at all as council already has a transport provision in place for pupils out with walking distance	9/21/2016 9:26 PM
31	Distance to school should be priority over denomination.	9/21/2016 9:00 PM
32	In this case i do think denomination should be given priority.	9/21/2016 7:31 PM
33	No point 4 should not come into it, I agree with points 1-3 if a priority call is needed	9/21/2016 7:04 PM
34	If a school is over subscribed then you need to look at the other schools in the area to find out why parents are reticent about sending their children there. Inverclyde has one of the worst higher grade scores in Scotland. Choosing to send your child to a school in inverclyde isn't really that easy considering the majority of secondary schools have such poor results. Clydeview will be over subscribed due to it being the best school for higher results. If parents are willing to travel to put their children there then the council should be held responsible for the lack of an adequate education level at schools closer to home.	9/21/2016 3:41 PM
35	Schools should be not discriminating towards kids based on their faith Should be catchment area first	9/21/2016 2:54 PM
36	I think that no 1 and no 2 should be swapped around. ie those with siblings already in the school should have priority over a medical reason to attend the school.	9/21/2016 2:51 PM
37	See previous resopnse.	9/21/2016 10:02 AM

38	4 should not be included at all.	9/21/2016 9:00 AM
39	If a strict catchment area criteria was applied, this question is irrelevant.	9/21/2016 8:38 AM
40	The key issue that I have seen is that a lot of pupils are admitted to a primary school that are NOT in the catchment area of that school. In St. Mary's Primary School / Greenock around 1/3 of the pupils do not come from within the catchment area. It is unacceptable that the school must take these pupils on - they "live" with their grandparents who live "round the corner" - and other pupils have to suffer. This school is far too small for the amount of pupils it must take on. This issue must be tackled across Inverclyde.	9/21/2016 7:11 AM
41	Distance should be the main thing when considering a place. Children should attend their nearest school.	9/20/2016 9:58 PM
42	Again catchment over religion	9/20/2016 8:07 PM
43	I don't understand the question. No3. I understand, but not clear on what is being asked here.	9/20/2016 1:57 PM
44	As Above	9/20/2016 12:44 PM
45	For all of the reasons already given.	9/20/2016 12:36 PM
46	Again children should attend the nearest school regardless of their faith.	9/20/2016 11:07 AM
47	As previous question	9/20/2016 10:59 AM
48	Number 4 should be removed.	9/20/2016 10:39 AM
49	Explained already.	9/20/2016 9:30 AM
50	Children attending the associated primary schools should have preference.	9/20/2016 8:57 AM
51	Children with siblings in school should have first priority.	9/19/2016 11:32 PM
52	As above I believe the lineage needs to be looked at again and if you receive a placing request for Primary this should cover the Secondary school too. I would accept the order if the lineage was looked at properly.	9/19/2016 8:07 PM
53	As I have said to question 2.	9/19/2016 7:54 PM
54	Does not apply to me.	9/19/2016 7:17 PM
55	should be 1, 2, 4, 3	9/19/2016 7:16 PM
56	I feel it's basically like saying if you get your child into primary school as a result of a placing request you are guaranteed a place at thend associated secondary even though it's outwith your catchment area. I have no faith and choose tone send my child to the closest school to me and for my child to follow the faith of the school they attend. This is discrimination against this and my child would be disadvantaged as a result.	9/19/2016 6:36 PM
57	Dont agree with siblings. What about only child or children whose siblings have left the school in question ?	9/19/2016 6:21 PM
58	As above. Religious affiliation should be removed or be the lowest priority.	9/19/2016 4:57 PM
59	I may have agreed with the process had this come into force prior to my children starting Primary school which may now prohibit them in attending the secondary school of choice	9/19/2016 3:18 PM
60	Affiliate primary schools are as attended given right to a placement at said secondary school, if you choose not to use either of those affiliated secondary schools then allocation order should be used	9/19/2016 3:04 PM
61	Same response as q3	9/19/2016 1:45 PM
62	I believe children of the schools denominational faith should have priority to a denominational high school before other placing requests are considered.	9/19/2016 1:34 PM

**Q6 I am responding in my capacity as a
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appropriate answer below)**

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#	Other group (please specify)	Date
1	On behalf of Clydeview Academy Student Council	11/7/2016 4:36 PM
2	Member of Exclusion & Appeal Committee	11/7/2016 3:49 PM
3	Chair St Ninian's Primary Parent Partnership	11/7/2016 3:46 PM
4	as above	11/7/2016 3:28 PM
5	Grandparent who regularly is carer when parents work	10/28/2016 5:34 PM
6	Parents should be made aware that if their home address which determines which secondary schools catchment area they live in, rather than the primary school attended. A map of catchment areas both primary and secondary might be helpful for parents.	10/28/2016 3:48 PM
7	Also, staff member at primary school and parent council member of secondary school	10/25/2016 7:45 PM
8	Close relative of child attending primary school.	10/25/2016 6:07 PM
9	HT on behalf of the Junior Leadership Team	10/14/2016 1:47 PM
10	Parent of children at secondary school and primary school and also a teacher in secondary school.	9/30/2016 4:48 PM
11	Parent/carer of a child in primary school, Parent/carer of a child in nursery & Parent council member (primary).	9/30/2016 11:34 AM
12	A community charge payer and graduate of a non biased scottish system	9/28/2016 10:28 PM
13	Grandparent of a child who will begin Secondary school in 2016	9/23/2016 1:03 PM
14	grandparent/carer of both primary and secondary school pupils	9/21/2016 3:20 PM
15	Parent of two children in primary and one child in secondary school	9/21/2016 7:11 AM
16	Also a parent of secondary pupil (Notre Dame and St Patricks)	9/20/2016 5:36 PM
17	Future parent with an interest in ensuring my child is not prejudiced based on their religion or circumstances outside their control.	9/20/2016 1:57 PM
18	Current Parent Council Chair.	9/19/2016 10:18 AM

Q7 Handling your response - Please note that: We will use the information you provide for the purpose of this consultation, including statistical and analytical purposes. We will pass a full copy of your response to Education Scotland, or a summary of it if agreed with them. We are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and therefore would have to consider any request made under the Act for information relating to written responses/records or oral representations made to us relating to this consultation. Thank you for taking the time to respond. If you would like to make any comment on the proposal, or suggest an alternative option for consideration please do so in the space below:

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#	Responses	Date
1	The proposed policy should alleviate concerns of pupils and parents in schools on placing requests. There is one area not covered which I believe should appear - there is no mention of Pupils' Rights from the age of 16.	11/7/2016 3:49 PM
2	I think parents bringing children up in catholic education should always take precedence	10/28/2016 5:34 PM
3	My personal view is you go to the nearest school to your home non denominational or denominational . If you wish another school then move to that catchment area or if you are lucky enough to get a placing request then pay for your child to travel to that school buses should not be paid for by council.	9/30/2016 11:30 AM
4	Ive stated my case above.	9/29/2016 12:18 PM
5	This is a very sensible solution to the problems in recent years regarding placing requests- well done on proposing this Inverclyde council!	9/26/2016 9:45 PM
6	I think that if a child has attended a the primary school they should be able to continue to the associated high school and not be separated from he friends they have made over the 7 years in primary education.	9/21/2016 4:33 PM
7	Educational establishments in Scotland should be wholly secular with a good RME program. There is NO good reason in the 21St century to discriminate against children on religious grounds. This is all about funding and religious influence and neither of these things have a place in education.	9/21/2016 9:00 AM
8	I also have a child in a denominational school as a result of a placing request. This was due to the distance of the school from the home.	9/20/2016 11:07 AM
9	I don't think we should have denominational schools at all. Can we vote on that?	9/19/2016 9:19 PM
10	Michael duffy	9/19/2016 9:08 PM
11	I could not send my children to the Primary catchment school for my area due to work commitments. I work in Glasgow 3 days out of the 5 my children go to school therefore my child care dictated the school my children could attend. My child care issues will not disappear once my older child starts high school. Placing requests are required to let parents work not just because we want our child to go to a certain school.	9/19/2016 8:07 PM

12	As a parent of a child who attends a primary school by means of a placing request I am extremely worried and anxious that they may not be allowed into the associated secondary school. I therefore feel it is imperative that our situation is taken fully into consideration when deciding on placing requests. Children in feeder schools should be allowed into associated secondary schools.	9/19/2016 11:16 AM
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