

Public Consultation Meeting

Admissions Policy Consultation

Date: 2 June 2026

Start Time: 18:08 End Time: 18:31

Venue: Clyde Valley High School

Notes/Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Present:

B Smedley	Chief Officer, Education (North)
T O'Hagan	Senior Education and Families Manager
A Henry	Senior Education and Families Manager
M Dolan (MD)	Education and Families Manager (North)
V Sherry	Education and Families Manager (North)
M McGorry	Project Manager – Learning Environment
L Macpherson	Project Coordinator – Learning Environment (notes)
D Lees	Project Coordinator – Learning Environment (notes)

Q Question

A Answer

S Statement

MD welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the panel, MD explained the reason for the proposal and outlined the statutory process. MD then presented the proposal to staff and opened the floor for questions

Q Is it the same criteria for Dalziel?

A Yes

S The mailbox has been reduced from three to one to avoid confusion for people who were unsure what area their school came under

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However, the other mailboxes will remain live and are monitored.

Q As a parent of a P7 child whose place was refused, will there be any impact on the timelines of the process, my child has been very anxious with very little

support. Catchment school has been very supportive; however the process has been very drawn out and has a detrimental impact on children, appeals also take too long?

A The timescales follow the national guidelines, and it is important that the Head Teacher is aware of any anxieties to allow them to support. The new proposal should help pupils within associated primaries and to reduce appeals and to give parents a response in a timeous manner.

Q What's my daughter's chances of getting into her preferred school?

A Cannot discuss individual cases but one of the panel members will be happy to speak to you after the meeting. In general, any parent can apply to any school, that is their right.

Q What if my placing request is refused?

A Young person will be accommodated in their catchment school.

Q Is any consideration given to the feelings of the child – what if my child says “that is where I want to go?”. Surely it is not in their best interests to refuse them that request.

A Of course we would want every child to go to the school of their choice. However, to place children across the authority we have to consider the capacity of the schools. Some of our schools run at full capacity.

MD closed meeting with the agreement of all stakeholders and again encouraged stakeholders to send in their comments, views and questions to the mailboxes. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document will be updated on the website to reflect stakeholders' comments, questions and views.