

Consultation

Date	Reason for selection
Friday 29 April 2011	6th May is very late - We start our induction programme for children before half term. Also being on the Hants/Surrey border it makes it difficult if dates do not coincide. May is just too late!
Wednesday 27 April 2011	I appreciate why letters cannot be sent in the first week of April or during the holiday. The timescale will be so tight for liaison with pre-school settings that any additional days available for this would be appreciated and put to good use. I would like to think that the LA might raise their concerns with the DCSF about the 31st March date imposed. It does appear to be very late for the best induction and liaison programmes.
Tuesday 12 April 2011	As early as possible to ensure good transition arrangements including visits to other settings
Friday 01 April 2011	To give parents and schools the opportunity to arrange a smooth transition for the children
Tuesday 26 April 2011	This date is virtually 2 weeks before 6th May and will make an enormous difference in being able to visit children offered places at our school from approximately 22 settings. We visit the settings to glean information about individual children before arranging the classes. We then hold a parent information evening in first week back in June. This process usually takes half a term so an extra 2 weeks, compared to 6th May, would be hugely beneficial. Thank you
Thursday 21 April 2011	This would give parents until 6th May to accept/refuse their place, thus allowing us to hold parents meetings and our induction programme along the same timescale as current. In addition an earlier notification date will be helpful to parents who need to sort out child care provision for the start of September until their child attends full time.
Tuesday 26 April 2011	This date is better - 6 May too late for induction procedures.
Friday 29 April 2011	Assuming that schools are notified two or three weeks in advance of parents' notification, this date will allow schools to recruit additional staff if necessary i.e. if there is some doubt as to whether two or three classes will be needed in YrR or yr3. A notification date of 6th May will not allow for recruitment before the resignation date of 31st May, which means that schools will find it difficult to recruit experienced staff. This extra week will make a significant difference.
Friday 06 May 2011	Having read reasons behind Hampshire's decision I see no advantage in a date that is only slightly earlier.
Tuesday 26 April 2011	A later date leaves very little time for appeals to be heard, given the statutory time rights involved and will consequently exclude children, whose appeals are successful, from the school induction process.
Tuesday 26 April 2011	If notification is not until 6th May then there has to be a certain period for acceptance. All the preparation for starting in YR begins in March, when we contact parents about the preschools and friends. We then have to notify parents of key dates in the summer term e.g. visits to pre schools, (we use this information and information from parents to put the children into 2 classes) new YR Parents' evenings, visits to the school, home visits. There would be very little time to organise these events in June/July if acceptance times go into June. We would urge you to go for the earliest date possible so that all the above preparations can be carried out and we know which children and parents will be coming. The late date also extends the period of anxiety for parents wondering whether or not they have a place at the first preference school. Please consider a date that gives as the maximum amount of time to prepare for the induction of the new children and their families/

Friday 29 April 2011	<p>We accept and respect all points made in SC005525. However, even though we know the arrangements are government driven, it is our strong opinion that the proposed date for letters of 6 May 2011 will significantly impact on YR induction procedures which are critical for a positive start to a child's school career. A date in the latter part of the week following the Easter holiday would certainly be preferable to 6th May.</p>
Tuesday 26 April 2011	<p>1) The earlier the better as this date will still cause schools severe problems with organisation for September but there should be a nationally agreed date as with secondary applications to avoid confusion.</p> <p>2) Do not agree that it is better for families to receive letters at weekends -our experience is that Saturday postal deliveries are not good so lots of letters arrive on Monday!</p> <p>3) Why can't email notifications be sent the day after letters are sent to arrive the same time as the letters?</p> <p>4) The amount of extended time parents are given to accept places MUST be shortened. e.g. this year given until 26 February which would mean next year places not reallocated until beginning of June - totally unacceptable! We currently hold our new parents meeting in mid-June and the children start visiting at the end of June - how are we supposed to notify parents of this in time?!</p> <p>These are the views of staff AND governors including parent governors who have been through the application procedure.</p>
Friday 01 April 2011	<p>As a school with a very small cohort, transition planning needs to be tightly matched to the needs/ diversity of this cohort. The more time available to plan and implement this, the better the quality. The argument of families potentially being away over Easter is irrelevant, we cannot plan effective provision on short timescales with potential staff changes occurring.</p>
Thursday 21 April 2011	<p>The longer the period of time schools have after the decision date the better. If we have to wait a further 2 weeks and then wait for the inevitable shake down and movement that happens as parents accept and reject places, we will not be able to give parents enough notice of dates for transition. It is vital that we are able to engage our parents in meaningful transition and the possibility of doing this is reduced if we cannot give them as much notice as possible. Based on the number of queries we have had this year the level of enquiry on the 26th April will be manageable.</p>
Friday 29 April 2011	<p>This would give a week for Admissions to contact schools after the holiday. It is no hardship to complete work by 8th April. An extra week would help as the timescale for accepting places i.e. including 2 reminder letters, makes it very close to end of year to get final list of names and then fit in induction etc. It also leaves less time for the appeals process which is stressful at the best of times. I understand the difficulties over holidays etc but the earliest date possible would be best for us.</p>