

## **Consultation on the proposal to close boarding provision in Winchester**

Public Consultation  
28 March - 15 June 2012

Hampshire County Council would like to hear your views about the proposal to close the boarding provision at The Westgate School and Kings' School in Winchester.

In recent years there has been a significant drop in the number of children of service personnel, for whom the boarding houses were originally provided, now seeking a boarding place in Hampshire. This has led to concerns about the viability of the boarding provision at Westgate school in particular.

If the decision is taken to close the boarding provision at the schools, this would be no earlier than July 2013 and would not necessarily be the same at both schools - for example, closure could be several years later at Kings' School.

The welfare and safety of pupils is paramount, and as such the County Council would work with existing pupils and their families to identify appropriate alternative arrangements.

Responding to the consultation is entirely voluntary. If you would like to respond, please read the supporting information on our web page [www.hants.gov.uk/boarding review](http://www.hants.gov.uk/boarding_review).

All responses to this consultation will be treated as confidential. This means that when the results are reported we may quote what you have told us but you will not be identified. The responses will be kept for one year.

The consultation results, and analysis of the findings, will be published and taken into consideration by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services at his decision day in July 2012.

**\*In order to complete the survey, you must tick one of the proposals set out below (please select one option only):**

**Do you agree with the proposals to close the boarding establishments?**

- Option A - Yes, I agree with the proposal to close the boarding establishment.
- Option B - No, I disagree with the proposal to close the boarding establishments.

**Please provide any additional comments here:**

**Please choose one of the following options:**

**Do you have a connection with:**

- The Kings' School
- Westgate School
- Neither

**Which of the following best describes your connection with the schools:**  
(please tick one only, this should be your main interest).

- Parent of child at the school
- Parent of a boarder
- Boarder
- Member of teaching/support staff
- Member of boarding staff
- Headteacher
- School governor
- Parent of pre-school age child
- Member of the community
- Other (please specify)

### **About you**

The information you provide is voluntary and confidential. You do not have to fill in this section if you do not want to. If you complete this section you will be agreeing to us holding this information but using it for monitoring purposes only. Please tick the boxes that apply to you.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you:**

- Male
- Female

**Please indicate your age range:**

- 17 – 24
- 25 – 34
- 35 – 44
- 45 – 54
- 55 – 64
- 65 – 74
- 75 - 84
- 85 or over

**Ethnicity**

**Please choose one section from A – E, then select the appropriate option to indicate your ethnic group**

**A. White:**

- British
- Irish

Any other White background (please specify)

**B. Mixed:**

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian

Any other Mixed background (please specify)

**C. Asian or Asian British:**

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi

Any other Asian background (please specify)

**D. Black or British Black:**

- Caribbean
- African

Any other African background (please specify)

**E. Chinese or other ethnic group:**

- Chinese

Any other (please specify)

**Where do you live?**

- Basingstoke and Deane
- East Hampshire
- Eastleigh
- Fareham
- Gosport
- Hart
- Havant
- New Forest
- Rushmoor
- Test Valley
- Winchester
- Other (please specify)

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