

Coordinated Schools Admission Arrangements for September 2024

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Background

Legislation requires admission authorities to review their School Admission Arrangements annually. The procedure which admission authorities should follow when determining their admission arrangements, includes a proper consultation being carried out and that the arrangements should be determined by 15 April in the school year beginning two years before the school year which the arrangements will be for.

Cardiff Council has successfully coordinated secondary school admissions between all community secondary schools, Whitchurch High School (foundation school), St Teilo's Church in Wales High School (voluntary aided) and Corpus Christi Catholic High School (voluntary aided) since the 2018/2019 intake year.

The Council expanded the coordinated arrangements for secondary schools by including The Bishop of Llandaff Church in Wales High School in the process from September 2023.

The Council has also coordinated primary school admissions arrangements with twenty other faith primary schools from September 2023.

The Council is now seeking to further expand the coordinated arrangements for secondary schools by including Mary Immaculate High School in the process from September 2024.

Proposals

- Include Mary Immaculate High School within the co-ordinated secondary school admissions process for the Year 7 age group intake from September 2023.

Methodology

- Publication of a Consultation Document on the Council website.
- A communication campaign via social media.
- A consultation response slip for return by post or e-mail, attached to the consultation document.
- An online response form at www.cardiff.gov.uk/admissionarrangements.

Responses

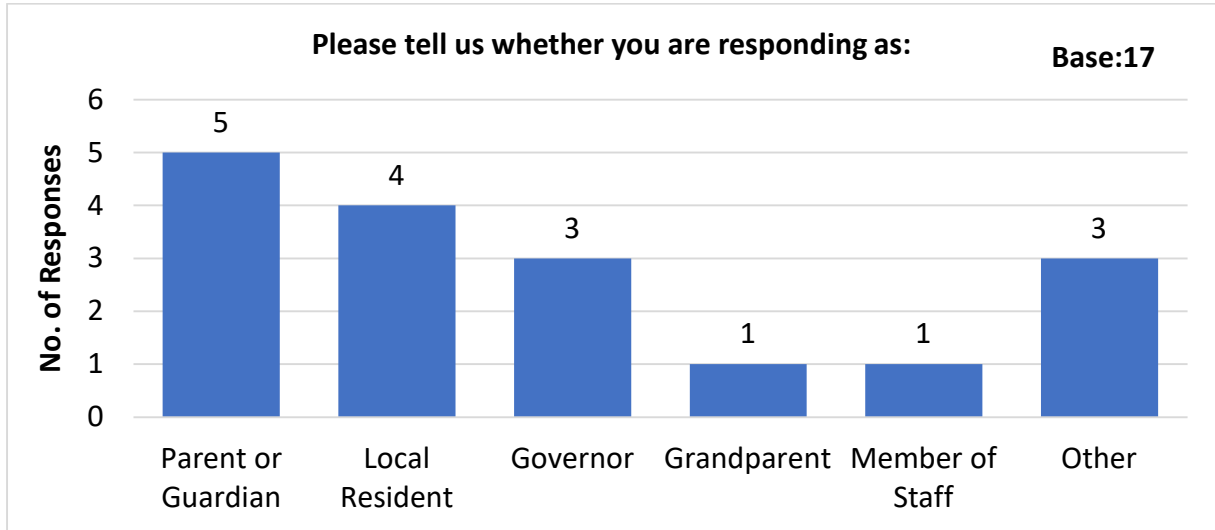
There were 17 responses received to the consultation.

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Results

Please tell us whether you are responding as:

Five of the 17 responses came from a **Parent or Guardian**. This was followed by a **Local Resident** (4) and **Governor** (3)



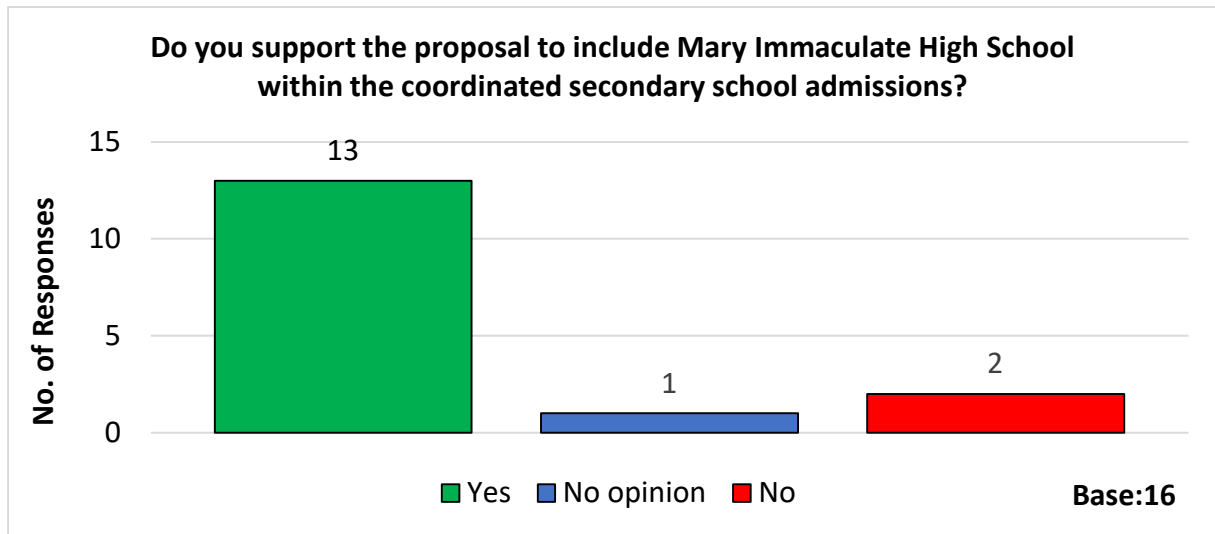
Please confirm which school/s you are affiliated with:

	No.
Eastern High	1
Greenhill School	1
Llanedeyrn Primary School	1
Mary Immaculate High School	1
Moorland Primary School	1
Mount Stuart Primary School	1
St Teilo's Church in Wales High School	1
The Court School	1
Total Respondents	7

NB. Total Respondents is less than the number of individual schools as 1 respondent is affiliated with more than 1 school

Do you support the proposal to include Mary Immaculate High School within the coordinated secondary school admissions?

13 of the 16 respondents who answered this question were in support of the proposal.



Please explain why:

Respondents were given the opportunity to explain their reasoning for supporting or not supporting the proposal. Eight respondents left feedback as to why they supported the proposal, one respondent indicated why they had no opinion and two respondents left feedback as to why they were against the proposals. A full breakdown can be viewed below / overleaf:

Support the proposal

- It is easier if it's the same process as other schools.
- As we need more high schools.
- Coordinated admissions means all schools are visible and all families that apply get a single offer which is fairer and means more likely to get a higher school in their list. Why it's not already in place for all schools is a mystery?
- It's a fairer system where non-religious local school spaces are kept unfilled until religious school accepted or not. Unfairly discriminatory against non-religious children.
- I think all faith schools should be open to all.
- MI are losing out when parents secure first choice places elsewhere. I am aware of such a situation with a family I know.
- The more schools that are available to students the better the choice is.
- It helps the LA to plan for the academic year with regard to the students who will attend there.

No Opinion

- Not in catchment.

Against the Proposal

- It works well as it is. Faith schools need autonomy to admit those that can prove dedication to the faith.
- Church schools should not be used in the twenty first century to plug the gap left by inadequate provision by the secular authorities.

Do you have any other comments on the School Admissions Policy?

Respondents were invited to leave any other comments they had in relation to the School Admissions Policy. Four respondents left feedback; these comments can be viewed below:

- There must be an opt out for those families who do not wish to take part.
- You need to create more places in Cardiff High.
- What about merit-based admission where same merits pupils can compete and do better.
- Admission to Cardiff High should be prioritised for students within the catchment area and the school should be increased in size to allow more students entrance into the school.

About You

What was your age on your last birthday?

	No.
25-34	4
35-44	5
45-54	3
55-64	3
65-74	2
Total Respondents	17

Are you...?

	No.
Female	11
Male	5
Non-binary	1
Total Respondents	17

Do you identify as Trans?

There were 16 responses to this question. None of the respondents identify as Trans.

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Do you identify as a disabled person?

	No.
Yes	4
Prefer not to say	1
No	12
Total Respondents	17

Please tick any of the following that apply to you:

Two people identified a health condition that applied to themselves, these can be viewed below:

- Deaf / Deafened / Hard of hearing
- Mobility impairment
- Long-standing illness or health condition (e.g. cancer, diabetes, or asthma)

What is your ethnic group?

Where the term 'British' is used, this refers to any of the four home nations of Wales, England, Northern Ireland and Scotland, or any combination of these.

	No.
White – Welsh /English / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	15
Other	2
Total Respondents	17