



ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Consultation on the Expansion of the Priority 2 catchment area within Menston for Ilkley Grammar School

We are opening a consultation to seek your views on a proposed slight expansion of the Priority 2 catchment area for Ilkley Grammar School for admissions from September 2022. The proposed change involves extending the Priority 2 boundary further within Menston and the LS29 area in order not to disadvantage the one residential street currently not included. It will also serve to future proof and protect the catchment in the eventuality of further developments of a very small area which may in time erect dwellings. There are no changes to the defined Priority 1 catchment area.

Last year, following consultation, we expanded our Priority 2 catchment area to include High Royds Estate in Menston for admissions from September 2021. Inadvertently, this has resulted in Moorlands Crescent currently being the only street in Menston which is not included within the Priority 2 boundary. Given that children who live on Moorlands Crescent are most likely to attend Menston Primary, a Bradford school and a main 'feeder' primary for Ilkley Grammar School, the governors would now like to adjust the boundary for the Priority 2 catchment to include this residential street. Under the proposal, this would mean that children living on Moorlands Crescent would have an increased chance of securing a place at Ilkley Grammar School under the same criteria as all of their Menston friends, as they would live within the school's defined Priority 2 catchment area, rather than, as is currently the case, be dealt with as out-of-area applicants.

Bradford Metropolitan District Council and Leeds MDC have confirmed this anomaly, and have also highlighted the need to consider one other point for the sake of geographical consistency. Currently there is one further small area, covering Guiseley Road and High Royds Hall, which does not currently have any housing and could reasonably be included within our Menston boundary given its location. Should any development go ahead, these houses would then sit outside of our current Priority 2 catchment area. To avoid a further consultation, we are therefore including this area in our proposal, along with Moorlands Crescent, in order to achieve consistency and parity and to ensure that Menston is included in its entirety.

Following a £4.7 million capital investment from Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Ilkley Grammar School increased its Published Admissions Number (PAN) permanently to 300 from September 2018. This has enabled the school to increase the number of places available for students living in its two catchment areas. **Please note, extension of the Priority 2 catchment will not impact on allocation under Priority 1 and will not disadvantage those living in the residential estates in Menston which fall within the current Priority 2 area. In addition, the current admissions policy for Ilkley Grammar School for years 7-11 will remain unchanged. The proposed changes would only affect admissions from September 2022 onwards.**

Consultation begins on Wednesday 18th November 2020 and closes on Friday 8th January 2021. Following an analysis of the responses, a report will then be presented to the governors of the academy for a decision to be made to proceed or not.

Any comments or suggestions can be made to the following e mail address: consultation@ilkleygs.co.uk If you wish to send a response by post, please send it to Ilkley Grammar School directly.

Yours sincerely
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