

Appendix 3b

Clapham and Patching Analysis of the data for 'Others' in response to why so few children are attending from the local community

1. In the analysis of the consultation feedback on Clapham and Patching CE Primary School, a significant number of respondents pointed to 'Other reasons' for the lack of local children attending the school.

Question 2	In your opinion why are so few children from the local community attending Clapham & Patching C of E Primary School?
Perceived poor education standards	21
Alternatives that enable a better work/life balance (commute to work, etc)	50
Private education	15
Home schooling	7
Other	196
Not Answered	12
Total responses to each question	301

2. Following further analysis, reasons cited in the 'other' category were as follows:

Limited number of primary age pupils locally	112	57%
The school having too great a proportion of pupils with SEND	21	11%
The threat of closure	11	5%
Parents are unaware of its existence	10	5%
Larger schools offer greater opportunity	8	4%
The school is under-funded	2	1%
Poor education standards	1	0.5%
The church school status	1	0.5%
No reason given	22	11%
Did not answer the question	8	4%

3. Respondents were logged from the following categories:

Pupils	10 (5%)	Relations	8 (4%)
Ex Parent/Carers	6 (3%)	Friends of parents	6 (3%)
Parent/Carers	41 (21%)	Staff	11 (6%)
HT/Governors or staff of other schools	7 (4%)	governors	2 (1%)
Residents	99 (51%)	Others	6 (3%)

4. The information shows that, even amongst local people there is a recognition that the school is not drawing pupils from the local area because the local area is not generating pupils for a primary school and therefore confirms that there is no need for a local primary school to serve the local community. The respondents acknowledgement of this is counter to the arguments made publicly that the local village will die if there is not a local primary school. A few local residents cited that cost of housing in the locality being too high for young families.
5. Over 20% of respondents cited the significant proportion of pupils with SEND attending the school as being a key factor dissuading local families from sending their children to the school.
6. The majority of respondents were residents, most of whom do not use the school either as they do not have children of school age or choose to send their children elsewhere. A small number spoke of the advantages of larger schools.