

## **Summary of Consultation Responses Received from Parents**

In total 38 responses were received. The following details the comments received:

### Admissions Criteria

1. I object to associated transport being higher ranked than distance to school. If there is an overwhelming number of children transported in to Hurworth from outlying areas; local children may have to seek alternative schools? Surely local children are entitled as a priority over those transported in?
2. My son has attended Abbey Infant and Abbey Junior schools and the majority of his friends will apply for Hummersknott. I believe this should be taken into account when I understand children will be bussed in from Aycliffe, when there must be nearer schools, i.e. Longfield, Branksome and Haughton.
3. I am very concerned that for secondary education the distance criteria is last and after associated transport. I feel very strongly that a child who lives within walking distance of a school should be allowed to attend and not be pushed out by a child who is bussed in from elsewhere. It seems silly because the Council and Government have policies to encourage walking and cycling. If my child doesn't get in to Hummersknott then she would have to get public buses elsewhere. Children who are bussed in should not get priority or first choice they should be bussed to their nearest school. I think the admission criteria for secondary schools should be exactly the same as for infants/primary.
4. That pupils who will be used to 'fill buses' and limit costs, have priority over pupils who live close to a school and could walk at no cost.

### Admission Number

5. Hurworth School, Maths & Computing College appears to be somewhat tatty with areas being allowed to fall into disrepair.