**Alternative (Education) Provision – Market Engagement Survey**

The County Council is looking to develop a commissioning approach to Alternative Provision and the prevention of exclusion in schools. We are therefore looking for views from a wide range of stakeholders. Contained within the link is our survey for providers of Alternative Provision. It is now open until 24th January 2020.

Please follow this link to the OCC consultation portal: <https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/AP_Provider_Survey/>

Should you experience any issues with accessing the survey please contact the following OCC lead: Karen Kuehne, Strategic Commissioning Manager

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We are also engaging with a range of other stakeholders including: school staff and other professionals, children and young people either currently using or who have recently used alternative provision, and where possible their parents or carers.

Alternative Provision (AP) is: ‘education arranged by local authorities for pupils who, because of exclusion, illness or other reasons, would not otherwise receive suitable education; education arranged by schools for pupils on a fixed period exclusion; and pupils being directed by schools to off-site provision to improve their behaviour.’

(Alternative Provision, Statutory guidance for local authorities, Department for Education).