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Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst: Determination of admission arrangements for 2025-2026 Decision notice

A public consultation on the admission arrangements for 2025-2026 ran from 19th December 2023 to 31st January 2024, according to the requirements of the <u>Schools Admissions Code</u> (2021).

Changes were proposed to the existing admission arrangements as follows:

- The previous admission arrangements included children with an exceptional medical and/or social need at Category 2. In the proposed new admission arrangements, the wording has been made clearer and tightened up, and we are proposing to adopt a new Supplementary Information Form that parents must submit for inclusion in this high priority category. This is consistent with all other academies within the Trust.
- We have added a new oversubscription category to include children of staff who were recruited to
 fill a vacant post at the Academy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. We have included
 information to confirm what is meant by a 'staff member', and a 'child of a staff member', including
 where they must be based and where the child must live, which is mandatory information under
 the Code.
- We are proposing changes to the order of the oversubscription criteria, so that children who live within the catchment area will be within priority 3, and children who have a sibling at the Academy will be within priority 4.

A committee of trustees met on 8 February 2024 to consider the responses received in the public consultation and determine the admission arrangements for 2025-2026.

3 responses from stakeholders were received. There were no responses from parents. Trustees carefully considered the responses received and the representation of the Principal of the academy.

Trustees decided to reject the consultation and revert to the original admission arrangements. Due to the fact that there were no parental responses, Trustees felt that there was additional work to be done on supporting all stakeholders to further understand the impact this could have on the random allocation of places so that parents could get a full and balanced view, prior to consulting and making changes.

They were concerned that the low volume of responses signified that the consultation was not robust and was not representative. They considered that, because children were allocated to places by random allocation, that parents did not get a full and balanced view of admissions.

Trustees agreed that they may consider a future consultation to remove random allocation of places and define a catchment area.



Dr W P Rock Chairman of the Board of Trustees Tudor Grange Academies Trust

