



GEP Consultation on school admission arrangements: Fullbrook School

GEP Academies is the admissions authority for the following GEP schools:

- Boxgrove Primary School
- Fullbrook School
- George Abbot School
- Guildford Grove Primary School
- Kings College Guildford
- Loseley Fields Primary School¹
- Sandfield Primary School.

Department for Education (DfE) guidance states that when changes are proposed to admission arrangements, all admission authorities (GEP Academies) **must** consult on their admission arrangements that will apply for admission applications the following school year.

In accordance with these DfE Guidelines, consultation must be for a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1 October and 31 January of the school year before those arrangements are to apply.

In light of this, we are announcing a consultation on school admission arrangements for Fullbrook School.

There are three proposed changes below:

- Nick Gibb (Minister of State for School Standards) has written to us regarding the admissions to school of children previously in care outside of England. He sets out his intention to make changes to the School Admissions Code to ensure that children who were previously in care outside England also receive the highest priority for admission to a school in England.

In light of this, we are proposing the wording in red text at point b below.

- Some schools within GEP Academies, identify 'Children of staff' as one of the selection criteria to be applied if a school is over-subscribed. In order to ensure that we offer all our employees equal opportunities, we are consulting on making this an admission criteria for all GEP schools.

In light of this, we are proposing the wording in red text at point d below.

¹ Loseley Fields Primary School: This consultation should be read alongside a consultation on a proposed reduction in the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 3 (KS2) entry from September 2021.

- All schools within GEP Academies have a final criteria of 'Any other applicant'. Fullbrook's final category is currently 'Children living outside the admission area'.

In order to provide consistency across GEP Academies we are proposing the wording in red text at point g below.

This consultation proposes to make the following Admission Criteria applicable to all GEP Academies as listed above in the event of a school being over-subscribed.

- a) Looked after children and previously looked after children; Looked After Children will be considered to be:
 - children who are registered as being in the care of a Local Authority or provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989(a), e.g. fostered or living in a children's home, at the time an application for a school is made; and
 - children who have left care through adoption (in accordance with Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002), a child arrangement order (in accordance with Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 and as amended by the Children and Families Act 2014) or special guardianship order (in accordance with Section 14A of the Children Act 1989).

- b) Children where there are significant medical or social grounds, supported by evidence from a registered health professional or a senior practitioner in social work, which suggest that Fullbrook is the most suitable school (*this evidence should set out the particular reasons why this school is the most suitable and the difficulties that would be caused if he/she had to attend another school. The school may feel it appropriate to consult its own medical advisor. It is expected that all mainstream schools and not just the school of your first preference will support children with the more common medical illnesses or stress-related symptoms - or both*).

- Children who were previously in state care outside of England, and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted, may be considered under this criterion. A child will be regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Evidence will need to be provided by the applicant to demonstrate that the child was in state care abroad and left that care as a result of being adopted.

- c) Children who will have a sibling attending the school at the date of admission; (*Sibling refers to brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, foster brother or sister or the child of the carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address*).

- d) Children of staff on a permanent GEP contract.

- e) Children living within the Admission Area (*a map defining this area is available for inspection at the school, as set by Ordnance Survey*.)

- f) Children who live outside the Admission Area and, at the time of the application, are attending Byfleet Primary School or Ottershaw C of E Junior School or New Haw Junior School or Pyrford C of E Primary School or St Mary's School (Byfleet) or West Byfleet Junior School.

g) Any other applicant.

In the case of oversubscription in any of the categories a - e, priority will be given to those children who live nearest the school measured by a straight line drawn on the map, as set by Ordnance Survey, from the school front gate to the child's home. This is calculated using a bespoke Fullbrook Geographical Information System. If distances measure the same for more than one applicant, lots will be drawn.

In the case of oversubscription in any of the categories f - g, priority will be given to those children who live nearest the school's Admission Area measured by a straight line drawn on the map from the address point of the child's house to the nearest point on the edge of the Admission Area.

Who is consulted?

This consultation is for the attention of:

- Parents of children in the surrounding area;
- Other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed arrangements;
- All other admission authorities within the local area;
- The local authority; and
- Adjoining neighbouring local authorities

How to respond

This consultation will run from **Monday 3 December 2018 to Friday 25 January 2019.**

You are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to the following email address: consultation@gepacademies.com. Please make the subject 'GEP School Admissions Consultation'.

Please note that only responses including the respondents' name and address will be accepted.

Following the consultation period the Trust will consider all the comments received and determine admissions arrangements for 2020 by 28 February 2019.

When would changes come into effect?

If a decision to change the admissions criteria for all GEP schools is agreed and approved, the arrangements would be introduced from September 2020 entry onwards.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Tweedale', written in a cursive style.

Chris Tweedale
CEO: GEP Academies