



Public Consultation on Proposed Changes to Pyramid Schools Trust Admissions Arrangements for 2022/2023

We are consulting on some proposed changes to our admissions criteria and would welcome your feedback.

Proposal

The Pyramid Schools Trust (comprising Harlington Upper School, Arnold Academy, Parkfields Middle School, Ramsey Manor Lower School and Westoning Lower School) is consulting on proposed changes to the admissions policy to take effect for school admissions for September 2022. The proposed changes will affect new applications to any of the schools in the Pyramid Schools Trust for September 2022 onwards.

Proposed Changes to the Admissions Policy

The proposed changes under the Trust's oversubscription criteria are:

- *Added category of children of Pyramid Schools Trust employees*
- *Priority is given within each category to children currently attending feeder Trust schools*

You can find the current document with the proposed changes on the Pyramid Schools Trust website (www.pyramidschoolstrust.org), the individual schools' websites, or by asking for a copy of the information at any of the school offices.

Background

The Pyramid Schools Trust was formed on 1 June 2020, and is a multi-academy trust comprising Harlington Upper School, Arnold Academy, Parkfields Middle School, Ramsey Manor Lower School and Westoning Lower School. The Trust has developed a Trust admissions policy to provide consistency across all the schools, whereas previously, each school had its own policy. In line with the School Admissions Code, admission authorities are required to consult on their admission policy whenever they would like to make a change.

In accordance with the Admissions Code, a consultation period must run for a minimum of six weeks and take place between 1 October and 31 January. The process allows parents, other schools, local authorities and other interested stakeholders to raise comments or concerns about the proposed arrangements. This document is particularly for the attention of parents, other admissions authorities, the local authority and other local councils. This consultation will run between **Monday 30 November 2020 and Monday 25 January 2021**. Information on how you can respond can be found below.

The Process of the Consultation

The consultation is being communicated by The Pyramid Schools Trust as follows:

- Notification to Central Bedfordshire Council.
- Notification to all parents, carers and guardians of students at all the Trust schools by email and through the Trust and individual schools' websites.
- Notification to Headteachers of all schools in the local cluster of schools, and to Robert Bloomfield Middle School.
- Notification to local Councillors and Parish Councils.
- Notification to Luton Borough Council

You are welcome to pass this consultation on to anyone you feel may be interested. All comments and suggestions are invited, and you can respond by email to the Trust's Compliance Manager using contactus@pyramidschoolstrust.org by no later than the consultation deadline of **Monday 25 January 2021**.

On conclusion of the consultation on **Monday 25 January 2021**, all responses will be collated and presented to the Trust Board for full consideration. The outcome of the consultation will be notified to all parents by the end of February 2020 with a full report posted on the Trust website. The consultation outcome, and a final revised policy, will also be presented to Central Bedfordshire Council Admissions by 28th February 2021 ahead of application process for applications for 2022/23 entry.

FAQ

Why is the Trust consulting on changes?

The Trust has developed a Trust-wide policy to ensure consistency across all our schools. As with many other multi-academy trusts, we wish to support our staff by providing school places for their children at any of the Trust schools where needed. To enable children to benefit from the all-through education provided by the Trust, we would like to give priority within each of the oversubscription criteria to children attending Pyramid Schools Trust feeder schools.

Will all current and future parents be aware of any proposed changes?

All current parents will be contacted as part of the consultation process and all parents in local feeder schools to the middle and upper schools will be notified of the consultation also. Any parent is able to contribute in writing to the Trust's Compliance Manager using contactus@pyramidschoolstrust.org by no later than the consultation deadline of Monday 25th January 2021.

How will I know the outcome of the consultation?

The consultation will be completed and all contributions referred to the Trust board for consideration. Outcomes of the consultation will be published on the Trust and individual schools' websites and will be listed under the policies section.