



Kingsmead School



A PARTNER ACADEMY IN JOHN TAYLOR MAT

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1st December 2022

Dear Consultee

Consultation for proposed Admission Arrangements 2024/2025

The Admissions Code - September 2022 requires an Admissions authority to consult each time a proposal is made to its admission arrangements.

The governing body at Kingsmead School, is consulting its stakeholders and partners on proposed changes to the admissions arrangements for the school from September 2024/2025.

Proposed changes for the school are as follows;

1. Change to PAN

Pupil Admission Number to be increased from 224 to 261.

2. Oversubscription Criteria – if the total number of preferences for admission to a school exceeds the school's Published Admission Number (PAN) of 261, the following order of priority is used to allocate the available places.

- 1) Children in Care and children who ceased to be in care because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order), including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 2) Children who have an elder sibling in attendance at Kingsmead school and who will still be attending the school at the proposed admission date; *(For admission purposes, a brother or sister is a child who lives at the same address and either: have one or both natural parents in common; are related by a parents marriage; are adopted or fostered by a common parent or are unrelated children who live at the same address, whose parents live as partners.)*
- 3) Children of Kingsmead school employees in either or both of the following circumstances
 - (a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or

- (b) Children of Kingsmead School employees where a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- 4) Other children arranged in order of priority according to how near their home addresses are to the main gate of the school, determined by a straight-line measurement as calculated by the Local Authority's Geographical Information System

The reasons for the proposed changes are as follows:

- We are looking to increase the PAN to 261 to provide 9 form entry of 29 students per form
- The catchment boundary for Kingsmead does not reflect the needs of the local community. At one point the boundary is approximately 10 metres from the school. Other schools have removed their catchment which means that to give all families a fair chance to gain a place at Kingsmead from the local community we want to base this on distance from school rather than catchment.

A copy of the Admissions Policy 2024/2025 document, outlining the proposed changes can be found at www.kingsmeadschool.net follow the link to Admissions, or is available in hard copy by post on request.

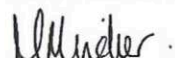
In compliance with the requirements for such proposals, a period of six weeks will elapse before the consultation period closes on **Thursday 12th January 2023**

In order to make your views known, please write to:

Consultation on Admissions 2024/25
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Yours sincerely



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