



Kingsmead School



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We are writing to update you on the proposed planned changes to the admission arrangements here at Kingsmead. This was consulted on over this year and further discussed with the support of the Office of the Schools Adjudicator.

The aim of the proposed changes was to further solidify and deepen learning partnerships with local primaries, with a view of favouring in admissions children with whom Kingsmead had worked directly during their primary school experience. This formed the basis of our 'Chasing the Future' partnership with primary schools, which hoped to bring about advantages in academic support, pastoral support, SEND support and sharing of resources.

Early discussions looked to include 8 primary partner schools. One of the primary partner schools approached did not feel in a position to agree and this was reflected to the adjudicator. The Office of the Schools Adjudicator has determined that for the 2025 Kingsmead's admission arrangements revert to what they were before this proposal. We recognize that just as some potential parents will be pleased by this, others may not. Though Kingsmead would love to offer places to anyone interested in joining us, we acknowledge that we don't have enough.

We want to reassure all 8 primary schools (and any others in our locality) that we wish to continue working with them for the benefit of our community. We continue to commit to the 'Chasing the Future' initiative between local schools and are excited about how this will benefit all students, from the primary phase right through to sixth form. We continue to extend the invitation to any other local interested parties wanting to join.

We wanted to share this with you so that you know and so that local families are informed of our admission arrangements ahead of the October 31st deadline. Based on the adjudicator's finding, Kingsmead reverts to its previous admission arrangements. These will be outlined on our website ahead of 1st September 2024.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher