

## **Consultation on new admissions criteria for 2019-2020**

The Scholars' Education Trust together with the local Governing Body of Harpenden Academy are currently determining proposed admission arrangements for September 2019. Please read this page and the documents published on it very carefully as it contains important information which you will need to know when applying to the school.

### **The current Admissions Arrangements Oversubscription Criteria are:**

1. Children looked after and children who were previously looked after
2. A maximum of 15 pupil premium children
3. Children of staff
4. 50% of remaining places to applicants in Harpenden Parish, with priority given to children with a sibling on roll of the Academy, then random allocation
5. 50% of remaining places to all applicants regardless of proximity, with priority given to children with a sibling on roll of the Academy, then random allocation
6. Remaining places

### **Proposed Admission Arrangements Oversubscription Criteria:**

1. Children looked after and children who were previously looked after
2. Children with medical or social need
3. Children who have a sibling on roll of the Academy at the time of application
4. Children of staff
5. Children for whom it is their nearest school or academy. All schools, except those schools that admit pupils on the basis of faith, are included.
6. Distance – children who live nearest the Academy

### **Reasons for the proposal**

In order to reduce the number of children at the school who need to travel by car as the school grows, we are prioritising families who live closest to the school. As well as being better for the health of our student body and for the environment, this change will reduce pressure on town centre traffic and parking both for the benefit of our school parents, and on the community around us.

You can view the proposed 2019-2020 admission rules [here](#)

### **Timeframe for consultation**

The period of formal consultation opened on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and ends on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018. If you would like to comment on the proposed changes, please do so by 5pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January in writing for the attention of The Admissions Officer either by post (to the school address) or [office@harpendenacademy.org](mailto:office@harpendenacademy.org)

Comments will be compiled and presented to the Governing Body and the Trust Admissions committee after 16<sup>th</sup> January for consideration. The Trust Board will determine Harpenden Academy's final Admission Arrangements by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require further information.