



Tudor Grange Academies Trust
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Tudor Grange Primary Academy Perdiswell

Decision notice

Consultation on proposed new admission arrangements for the 2025-2026 intake

A public consultation on the admission arrangements for 2025-2026 ran from 15th December 2023 to 31st January 2024, according to the requirements of the [Schools Admissions Code](#) (2021).

Changes were proposed to the existing admission arrangements as follows:

- We have added a new oversubscription category for children with an exceptional medical and/or social need, the wording has been made clearer and tightened up, and we are proposing to adopt a new Supplementary Information Form that parents must submit for inclusion in this high priority category. This is consistent with all other academies within the Trust.
- The previous admission arrangements included children of staff who had been continuously employed at the Academy for two or more years at the time of application, as well as those recruited to fill a vacant post at the Academy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. We have amended this to give priority on the basis of demonstrable skill shortage only, and to add further mandatory information to confirm what is meant by a 'staff member', and a 'child of a staff member', including where they must be based and where the child must live. The reason why the Trust is proposing this is because it aligns with the Trust commitment to prioritising admission based solely on demonstrable skill shortage. This reflects the Trust's dedication to attracting and retaining skilled professionals while fostering a supportive environment for all local families.

A committee of trustees met on 8 February 2024 to consider the responses received in the public consultation and determine the admission arrangements for 2025-2026.

6 responses from stakeholders were received, all of which were disappointed in the proposed change to the oversubscription criterion regarding children of members of staff (paragraph 17.6). Trustees carefully considered the responses from stakeholders and the representations of the Principal and decided to *not* implement the change and to revert to their previous oversubscription criteria for children of members of staff. Trustees were mindful of the current challenges faced when recruiting in education, but were also aware of their duty as trustees, to ensure that schools within Tudor Grange Academies Trust remained schools which focused on serving their communities. The oversubscription criterion for children of members of staff remained lower than the criterion for children in catchment. They felt that this was in alignment with their principle that children of staff should not be prioritised over children in catchment.

Trustees felt that the new oversubscription criterion proposed for children with an exceptional medical and/or social need was fair, and that children within this oversubscription criterion would be treated consistently and fairly.



There were some minor changes to wording:

- in paragraph 17.2 (Children with an exceptional medical and/or social need to attend Tudor Grange Primary Academy Perdiswell) to clarify the decision maker;

Subject to these amendments, **Trustees determined the admission arrangements for 2025-2026** incorporating the consultation changes as proposed.

Dr W P Rock
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Tudor Grange Academies Trust

