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Consultation on Admissions arrangements for Tudor Grange Academy Solihull for entry September 2014

We would like to advise you of proposed changes to the admission arrangements for Tudor Grange Academy Solihull for pupils starting secondary school from September 2014. In accordance with legal requirements the Academy is undertaking a consultation on these proposed changes, and wishes to receive the views and comments of the community and others who may be affected.

The consultation period will run until Thursday 28 February 2013.

The Academy will consider all comments received during the consultation period before making a final decision on the admission arrangements.

What change is being proposed?

In January 2013, the Academy became the sponsor of Tudor Grange Primary Academy - St James, and has developed a partnership with St Alphege C E Infant and Junior Schools. The Academy believes that it is appropriate to reflect these relationships within its admission arrangements. The key change will give priority to children in these two schools above those living in the catchment area.

If you would like to respond to this consultation please write to Miss E Cunningham at Tudor Grange Academy Solihull or email consultation@tudor-grange.solihull.sch.uk

Responses must be received by 5.00pm on Thursday 28 February 2013 to be considered by the Academy.

Proposed Admissions Policy 2014-2015

Our admissions process is part of the Local Authority co-ordinated scheme. Application forms are available from the Local Authority in the autumn before admission.

The academy's admission number is 250. Where the number of applications is lower than the academy's admission number, all applicants will be admitted. If there are more applications than places available, then all applications will be considered, together and at one time by a committee of the Governing Body.

Oversubscription criteria

If your child has a statement of special educational needs and the statement names Tudor Grange Academy, your child will be offered a place. This will reduce the number of places available at the Academy.

If we receive more applications than there are places available, places will be offered in the following order.



Priority 1

Children looked after by a Local Authority (in line with section 22 of the Children Act) and previously looked after children who are now adopted.

Children whose exceptional circumstances can only be met by that particular school

Priority 2

Children in Year 6 at Tudor Grange Primary Academy St James' and St Alphege Junior School

Priority 3

Children who normally live in the catchment area of the academy

Priority 4

Children who have an older brother or sister at the academy at the same time

Priority 5

Children closest to the academy, measured in a straight line from child's home

For priority group 3, if there are more children wanting places than there are places available, we will offer places to children living in the catchment area in the following order.

1. Children who have an older brother or sister at the academy at the same time.
2. Children living nearest the academy, measured in a straight line from home to the academy.

For priority groups 4 and 5, when there are more children than places at the academy available, those living nearest the academy (measured in a straight line from home to the academy) will be offered places first.

Notes:

1. Children with a statement of special educational needs that names Tudor Grange Academy will be offered a place first. This will reduce the number of places available.
2. Under priority 4 a brother or sister must live at the same address and could be:
 - A brother or sister sharing the same parents;
 - a half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one parent;
 - a stepbrother or stepsister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage or civil partnership (a formal arrangement that gives same-sex couples the same legal status as married couples);
 - the separate children of a couple who live together; or
 - an adopted or fostered brother or sister.
3. If offering places within any one of the criteria would cause the academy's admission number to be exceeded, then children living nearest will be offered first. Distances are measured by the Local Authority's computerised admissions system. The admissions system uses six-figure grid references provided by the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG). The grid references provide a unique point on each property. If two or more applicants share the same distance to a school and a place is available the place offered by the Local Authority will be determined by random selection.
4. Waiting lists are produced in strict order of priority, against the over-subscription criteria and are managed by Tudor Grange Academy.
5. Applications or changes to your application received after the closing date and before the Governors' admissions meeting are late, but will be considered if possible. Applications received after the Governors' decision meeting are late and will be considered after applications with the same priority

that was received on time (unless there are particular circumstances which prevented you from applying earlier).

8. If possible places will be offered at the same school to twins, triplets and children from other multiple births. If only one place can be offered the parent will choose which child should have the place.
9. The home address is the place where the child is permanently resident with his or her parents. When a child lives between two addresses, the address used for offering a school place will be where the child lives for most of the school week (Monday to Friday). If care is split equally, parents can choose which address will be used.
10. Applications for a school place at any time other than the normal time for admission (in-year admission) should be made directly to Solihull MBC, Admissions. Parents/Carers should complete the Local Authority application form on-line or send this directly to the authority. If there is a vacancy in the relevant year group a place will be offered. If the year group is full the governing body will apply the admission criteria to the application so that it can be placed on the waiting list.
11. The Governing Body recognises its duty to comply with the Local Authority Fair Access Protocol to provide fair access to school for pupils who need a school place because they have missed, or are at risk of missing, education.
12. Parents who wish to appeal against the decision of the Governors to refuse their child a place in the academy can get a form by phoning School Admissions on 0121 704 6693. Appeals will be heard by an independent panel.

Supplementary information forms are available from the academy or the Solihull Council website <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissionarrangements/2012.htm>