



THE KING'S ACADEMY

The Emmanuel Schools Foundation

Friday 16 December 2016

Consultation on proposed changes to admissions arrangements: Admissions from Sept 2018 onwards

Notice is hereby given in accordance with legislation, including the Schools Admissions Code (Department for Education, December 2014), that the Governing Body, as the Admissions Authority for The King's Academy, is formally consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for admissions from September 2018. The consultation will run from Monday 19 December 2016 until Monday 30 January 2017, and is for the proposed changes below.

Please send written responses and comments on these proposed changes to Mrs Keay at The King's Academy either in hard copy or by email to akeay@thekingsacademy.org.uk by Monday 30 January 2017.

1. Proposed changes (also see ANNEX 1 attached)

This consultation is for an increase to the Planned Admissions Number, and also for proposed changes to over-subscriptions criteria, for intake in September 2018. The changes proposed are:

- a) Increase of Planned Admissions Number into Year 7, by 32 students from the current 208 up to 240. This is to accommodate the increasing demand for school places within the Middlesbrough area;
- b) For *up to* 24 of the proposed additional 32 students per cohort, being up to 10% of the total proposed Sept 2018 intake of 240, to be admitted according to selection based on their aptitude for modern foreign languages. This would contribute to greater academic balancing of each cohort, to the benefit of all students.
- c) Prioritise children of staff who have been employed by the Academy for 2 years or more, or where the member of staff is filling a post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage;
- d) Prioritise children eligible for 'service premium' out of recognition of the pastoral needs of service families.

2. Consultation and decision timescale

The schedule being followed for changing admissions arrangements for Sept 2018 admissions is:

- Monday 19 December 2016 – window for 6-week consultation opens
- Monday 30 Jan 2017 – consultation window closes; responses analysed, and reviewed by the Governing Body, being the Admissions Authority for The King's Academy
- 28 Feb 2017 – admission arrangements determined
- 15 Mar 2017 – arrangements published to LA and on Academy website, drawing attention to any increase in PAN
- 15 May 2017 – deadline for referring objections to new arrangements to the Schools' Adjudicator
- 31 Oct 2017 – deadline for Year 7 applications for admission Sept 2018, according to revised admissions arrangements

All relevant documentation for this consultation is available to view on The King's Academy website at www.thekingsacademy.org.uk

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ANNEX 1: The King's Academy Admission Arrangements 2018/19 (proposed changes highlighted)

CONSULTATION

The following over-subscription criteria will be applied for admissions from September 2018 if The King's Academy is over subscribed.

After the admission of pupils with Statements of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), DHI, VI and Higher Learning Needs and for whom The King's Academy has consented to be named on the Statement^{*1}, the remaining available places will be allocated in the following order priority:

1. 'Children looked after' (in public care) and children previously 'looked after' but ceased to be so because they became adopted or became subject to a residence or special guardianship order immediately following having been looked after.
2. Those who have a sibling^{*2} who will be on the Academy Roll in the September of the proposed entry.
3. Children of staff employed by the school where the member of staff has been employed by the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
4. For up to 10% of the Academy's intake, for students identified on the basis of aptitude for modern foreign languages.
5. Those living permanently in the Admission Zone^{*3} who express a preference.
6. Those who have social and/or medical reasons for attending the Academy which, in the latter circumstances, are substantiated by Middlesbrough Local Authority's medical advisers and accepted by the Academy.
7. Those children who are eligible to receive the 'service premium' under section 14 of the Education Act 2002 for the purposes of supporting the pastoral needs of the children of Armed Services personnel
8. Those children who reside closest to the Academy boundary, measured in a straight line. That line to be taken from the front door of the child's home to the main entrance of the Academy.

^{*1} Detailed information will be made available on request.

^{*2} A sibling is defined as a brother, half-brother, step-brother, sister, half-sister or step-sister who lives permanently in the same home as a student already attending the Academy, i.e address at which the family is registered for child benefit. (Proof of address may be required)

^{*3} The Admission Zone incorporates the areas which formerly served Brackenhoe and Coulby Newham Schools. If you are unsure, please contact Mrs Robinson, Admissions Officer, at The King's Academy on 01642 577577.

When distinguishing between children within the same criteria the child with the highest next criteria will be admitted, i.e two children with siblings attending the Academy in the September of Admission, the child who lives closest to the Academy will be admitted.

The Secretary of State may direct The King's Academy to admit a named student on application from the LA. The Secretary of State shall in such circumstances consult The King's Academy before making such a direction and have regard to its comments.

If the parents are not successful in gaining a place at The King's Academy they have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel.