



## **GEP Consultation on school admission arrangements: Sandfield Primary School**

GEP Academies is the admissions authority for the following GEP schools:

- Boxgrove Primary School
- Fullbrook School
- George Abbot School
- Guildford Grove Primary School
- Kings College Guildford
- Loseley Fields Primary School<sup>1</sup>
- Sandfield Primary School.

Department for Education (DfE) guidance states that when changes are proposed to admission arrangements, all admission authorities (GEP Academies) **must** consult on their admission arrangements that will apply for admission applications the following school year.

In accordance with these DfE Guidelines, consultation must be for a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1 October and 31 January of the school year before those arrangements are to apply.

In light of this, we are announcing a consultation on school admission arrangements for Sandfield Primary School.

There are two proposed changes below:

- Nick Gibb (Minister of State for School Standards) has written to us regarding the admissions to school of children previously in care outside of England. He sets out his intention to make changes to the School Admissions Code to ensure that children who were previously in care outside England also receive the highest priority for admission to a school in England.

In light of this, we are proposing the wording in point 2 below.

- Some schools within GEP Academies, identify 'Children of staff' as one of the selection criteria to be applied if a school is over-subscribed. In order to ensure that we offer all our

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<sup>1</sup> Loseley Fields Primary School: This consultation should be read alongside a consultation on a proposed reduction in the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 3 (KS2) entry from September 2021.

employees equal opportunities, we are consulting on making this an admission criteria for all GEP schools.

In light of this, we are proposing the wording in point 4 below.

This consultation proposes to make the following Admission Criteria applicable to all GEP Academies as listed above in the event of a school being over-subscribed.

1. Looked after and previously looked after children
2. Exceptional social/medical need and children who were previously in state care outside of England, and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted, may be considered under this criterion. A child will be regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Evidence will need to be provided to demonstrate that this child was in a state care abroad and left that care as a result of being adopted.
3. Sibling(s) at the school at the time of the child's admission
4. Children of staff on a permanent GEP contract
5. Nearest school to home address
6. Any other applicant

### **Who is consulted?**

This consultation is for the attention of:

- Parents of children in the surrounding area;
- Other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed arrangements;
- All other admission authorities within the local area;
- The local authority; and
- Adjoining neighbouring local authorities

### **How to respond**

This consultation will run from **Monday 3 December 2018 to Friday 25 January 2019**.

You are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to the following email address: [consultation@gepacademies.com](mailto:consultation@gepacademies.com). Please make the subject 'GEP School Admissions Consultation'.

Please note that only responses including the respondents' name and address will be accepted.

Following the consultation period the Trust will consider all the comments received and determine admissions arrangements for 2020 by 28 February 2019.

**When would changes come into effect?**

If a decision to change the admissions criteria for all GEP schools is agreed and approved, the arrangements would be introduced from September 2020 entry onwards.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Tweedale', written in a cursive style.

Chris Tweedale  
CEO: GEP Academies