



OUTCOME of Consultation on proposed Admission Arrangements for Aspire Educational Trust for entry into Reception from September 2023

Introduction

The Aspire Educational Trust is the admission authority for the schools named below:

Ash Grove Academy
Hollinhey Primary School
Holmes Chapel Primary School
Ivy Bank Primary School
Parkroyal Community School
Peover Superior Endowed Primary School
Puss Bank School & Nursery
Sandbach Primary Academy
The Wilmslow Academy
Underwood West Academy
Victoria Road Primary School
Wilbraham Primary School

As admission authority, this means that The Aspire Educational Trust are responsible for the admission arrangements for these schools.

This document applies to all Academies of the Aspire Educational Trust

Background and intention

Between 7th December 2021 and 18th January 2022, The Aspire Educational Trust consulted with:

- a) parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen; b) other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions; c) all other admission authorities within the relevant area (except that primary schools need not consult secondary schools); d) whichever of the governing body and the local authority is not the admission authority; e) any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority

to invite views on the proposed changes to the Admissions Policy from September 2023.

Proposed changes to the oversubscribed criteria:

1. Introduce a criterion for children of staff employed at the Aspire Educational Trust
2. Introduce a criterion for children who attend a nursery/pre-school which is based on the school site commencing the Autumn Term of the admission period preceding their year of entry to reception.
3. Revise the Looked After Children criterion to include children previously in state care outside of England

Outcome

After the consultation closed the responses and views were collated and presented to the Admissions Committee at the Aspire Educational Trust for discussion. The meeting took place on 3rd February 2022. Following consideration and challenge of the responses discussion and challenge it was decided to proceed with the proposed changes and determine the admission arrangements as it was agreed that:

1. The decision to introduce a criterion for staff employed at the AET would help attract skilled and knowledgeable staff to key positions and to retain staff for the medium to long term.
2. In response to concerns regarding the introduction of a criterion for children attending a nursery/pre-school based on the school site, the wording should be changed to change the wording to **children attending a Nursery/pre-school run by the school they are applying to** commencing the Autumn Term of the admission period preceding their year of entry to reception. This is in line with 1.9e, 1.41 and 1.42 of the Admissions Code. By proceeding with this criterion with adjusted wording, this would allow those schools who do have school-run nurseries to prioritise places for children with whom they have existing relationships and have already invested time and resources into their early education. This would also address concerns of parents where there are currently independent nurseries on site and no nursery run school.
3. We include children previously in state care outside of England in their Looked After or Previously Looked After Children criterion further to Government guidance.

Copies of the determined arrangements can be obtained from the Aspire Educational Trust website <https://www.aspireeducationaltrust.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=3>