



Tudor Grange Academies Trust
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Tudor Grange Academy Samworth Academy

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.
- We have added a new oversubscription category to include children of staff who were recruited to fill a vacant post at the Academy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. We have included 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, which is mandatory information under the Code.
- We have added a new oversubscription category to include children within the catchment area of the Academy. We are proposing that the child's home address must be located in the catchment area for the Academy at the time of application and admission.

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. 2 responses from stakeholders were received, although one of these did not appear to speak to the consultation. Trustees carefully considered the response. 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. Trustees decided to proceed with the oversubscription criterion for children of members of staff (paragraph 20.5) as consulted upon, as catchment children (paragraph 20.3) would remain a higher priority. Children within the oversubscription criterion for children with an exceptional medical and/or social need would be treated consistently and fairly

There were some minor changes to wording

- in paragraph 20.2 (Children with an exceptional medical and/or social need to attend Tudor Grange Samworth Academy) to clarify the decision maker.



- In paragraph 20.5 (Children of staff at Tudor Grange Samworth Academy recruited to a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage), clarification of eligibility.

Subject to this amendment, **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

