

24 November 2022

Dear Interested party

RE: Consultation on admission arrangements

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on the academy's admissions policy. The consultation period will run from 28 November 2022 until 9 January 2023; during this time, stakeholders are invited to express their views and any concerns about the proposed changes to the admission arrangements at Goldington Academy.

In accordance with the DfE's 2014 statutory 'School Admissions Code' guidance, as a school we must consult on our admission arrangements when changes are proposed, and at least once every seven years.

To this end, the following amendments to our admission arrangements have been proposed:

- The Published Admission Number (PAN) – an increase in Year 7 from 150 to 168
- Oversubscription criteria – to include the following category, children of staff
- Policy notes – addition of staff definition

A full version of the proposed changes to the admission arrangements, is available to view on the school website or in hard copy can be requested directly from the academy.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party at Goldington Academy, we are keen to hear your views on the proposed changes; therefore, we invite you to participate in the consultation if you have any concerns regarding the matter.

All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before 09:00 on Monday 9 January 2023 to Mike Birchall, the School Business Manager via email birchallm@goldington.beds.sch.uk or by post to:

Goldington Academy
Haylands Way
Bedford
MK41 9BX

Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address and relationship to the academy.

At the end of the consultation period, the governing board will meet to consider responses. The outcome of the consultation will be published on the school website as soon as possible following a decision being reached by the board. Hard copies of the final report will be made available on request to all respondents of the consultation.

For further information regarding the consultation process, please refer to our proposal document, copies of which can be located on the academy website or in hard copy on request from the academy. If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact Mike Birchall, School Business Manager on the email provided above or on 01234 261516.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. Galbraith', with a small flourish at the end.

Francis Galbraith
Principal