

2 October 2023

Dear Interested party

**RE: Consultation on admission arrangements for 2025/2026 onwards**

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on the academy's admissions policy. The consultation period will run from 2 October until 13 November 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 for 2025-2026 onwards have been proposed:

**Oversubscription criteria:**

If fewer applications than the stated PAN are received all applicants will be admitted. If the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan, where the school is named in the plan, applications will be prioritised in order of the criteria below:

1. Highest priority will be given to "looked after children (LAC) and all previously looked after children (PLAC), including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted". Proof will be required.
2. Priority will next be given to children with siblings at the school.
3. Priority will next be given to children of staff who have been employed by Goldington Academy for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made (see notes) or where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post at the school for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

4. Priority will next be given to children who live closest to the school, based on the shortest distance measured in a straight line from the pupil's home address to the school library.

A full version of the proposed changes to the admission arrangements, is available to view on the school website or a 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 Tuesday 14 November 2023 to Mike Birchall, the School Business Manager via email [birchallm@goldington.beds.sch.uk](mailto:birchallm@goldington.beds.sch.uk) or by post to:

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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



**Francis Galbraith**  
**Principal**