

Whitecross Hereford: High School and Specialist Sports College Academy Trust

Admission Arrangements Consultation for September 2018

Whitecross Academy Trust currently uses the admissions arrangements of Herefordshire Council in determining places for students joining the school in Year 7. Herefordshire Council is consulting on changes to its admission arrangements, something it is required to do every seven years. We, therefore, are also required to consult on any changes to our admissions arrangements.

As the admissions authority for Whitecross Hereford: High School and Specialist Sports College, the Academy Trust is responsible for carrying out this consultation.

The Academy Trust of Whitecross Hereford: High School and Specialist Sports College propose the following admissions arrangements for students applying to join the school from September 2018 onwards:

Proposed admission arrangements from September 2018

The school has a normal Pupil Admission Number (PAN) of 180.

If the school is oversubscribed, children with a **Statement of Education Needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan** which names Whitecross Hereford: High School and Specialist Sports College, will be allocated places, after which places are allocated according to an agreed set of criteria in strict order of priority. The criteria are as follows:

1. **Looked After Children** and children who were looked after, but ceased to be because they were adopted or became subject to a resident order or special guardianship;
2. Children for whom Whitecross Hereford: High School and Specialist Sports College is the **nearest** school;
3. Children who have an **older brother or sister** attending the school not only at the time of application but also when the younger child is due to start;
4. Children of **staff** in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Children with exceptional **medical, social or compassionate** grounds for admission and whose parents can show that entry to the school is necessary for the well-being of their child. Parents are required to produce a medical certificate or other appropriate information preferably from an independent source;
6. Children who live nearest to the school by the shortest available walking route.

Where applications exceed the number of places available, the priorities will be applied in the sequence indicated above. If admission of the top two categories can be satisfied but there are insufficient places for all out of area, brothers and sisters, priorities will be decided first by reference to criteria two then according to criteria five.

Consultation Process

The consultation will run from **Monday 31 October to Monday 5 December 2016**.

The Academy Trust will consult 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;
- d) the local authority.

Full details of the consultation are available on our website: www.whitecross.hereford.sch.uk

The Academy Trust will review the results of the consultation and prepare a report for consideration at the meeting of the full board on 9 January 2017 for publication by 15 March 2017.

To have your say, please send any comments about the proposed changes to the clerk to the governors, Mrs Anna Nugent: whitecrossclerk@gmail.com