Discovery Trust is its own admissions authority as prescribed in the National Admission Code 2021, and it is our responsibility to consult on any proposed changes to our admissions policy.

A public consultation took place for six school weeks, **between Monday 14th November 2022 and Tuesday 10th January 2023** on the proposed refreshed Trust's arrangements and implement a uniformed policy and oversubscription criterion for the primary and junior schools within the Trust.

We are pleased to share with our local communities a summary of the determination of admissions arrangements for all primary & junior schools within Discovery Trust, to commence for First Time Arrangements for intake 2024/2025 academic year.

**Meeting:** Full Trustee Board
**Date**: Wednesday 25th January 2023.
**Chair of Trustees:** Richard Bettsworth

## Consultation

The Trustees determined that the Trust had conducted a fair and wide consultation took place for the proposed changes to admissions arrangements for 2024/2025.

    a. All related school Advisory Boards were consulted on the proposed change prior to public consultation.
    b. Across 13 Trust schools, 130 public responses were received across the 6-week consultation period.
    c. Responses were sought from all related Local Authorities with responses received from Leicestershire County Council and Rutland Council.

## Policy

The Trustees determined that the Trust had proposed admissions arrangements and policy which was compliant with the Schools Admissions Code, 2021.

## Outcome

In consideration of the views and feedback received throughout the consultation period, it has been determined that the Trust <u>will not</u> implement uniformed admission arrangements across the whole Trust. The Trustees Board has agreed to a long-term strategic plan to adopt admissions arrangements for individual schools based on the needs of the local area.

As a result, the following admissions arrangements will take effect for those applying for a school place as a First Time Admission in September **2024/2025 academic year** and all subsequent years, subject to any review:

    a. In line with (a), under guidance of the Schools Admissions Code 2021 (1.6) when oversubscription occurs for First Time Admissions for all Trust Schools, criteria will <u>remain unchanged</u> for Fossebrook and Sileby Redlands Primary Schools, giving applications for children who have an older sibling already attending the school a higher preference than those children who live in catchment.

    b. In line with (a), under guidance of the School Admissions Code 2021 (1.6) when oversubscription occurs for First Time Admissions, criteria <u>will change</u> to give applications for children who have an older sibling already attending the school a higher preference than those children who live in the catchment for the following schools:

- Leighfield Primary School
- Woolden Hill Primary School

c. In line with (a), under guidance of the Schools Admissions Code 2021 (1.6) when oversubscription occurs for First Time Admissions for all Trust Schools, criteria will <u>remain unchanged</u> giving applications for children who live within catchment a higher preference than those children who have an older sibling already attending the school, for the following schools:

- Kibworth C of E Primary School
- Enderby Danemill Primary School
- Greystoke Primary School
- Braunstone Community Primary School
- Parkland Primary School
- Mowmacre Hill Primary School
- Asfordby Captain's Close Primary School
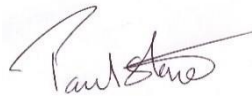- Farndon Fields Primary School
- Merrydale Junior School

Determined admissions arrangements for 2024/2025 will be shared with the relevant Local Authorities and individual school policies will be published on school websites no later than Wednesday 15th March 2023.

If you have any comments on the determined admission arrangements, please emailed to admissionsconsultation@discoverytrust.org.uk

Kind Regards,

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