



Consultation on proposed Admission arrangements for Oaklands Junior School for Academic Year 2020-21

Introduction

Oaklands Junior School is an academy school and is its own admission authority, forming part of the Corvus Trust. When an admission authority wishes to make changes to their admission arrangements they must consult to ensure all views are heard. The Corvus Learning Trust is consulting on the following changes to the admission arrangements for Oaklands Junior School:

Proposed change to the oversubscribed criteria:

- We are proposing to amend the Looked after children criterion to reflect the request from the DfE to include those children adopted from abroad
- We are proposing that children who are transferring from Oaklands Infants School will be included in the oversubscription criteria
- We are proposing to include children of staff of Oaklands Junior School
- We are also proposing to change the order of our oversubscription criteria to consider those siblings of children in our school before those living within the designated area of the school.

Why are we proposing these changes?

Recent Government guidance has asked all admission authorities to consider including children previously in state care outside of England in their Looked After or Previously Looked After Children criterion and we wish to fully support this request.

We feel that children who have a place at Oaklands Infant School should expect to be offered a place at Oaklands Junior School, to ensure continuity for the children and their families.

The school wishes to retain and recruit the very best teachers for our children, to deliver high quality lessons and support. However the recruitment and retention of staff is increasingly difficult against a backdrop of a national shortage of teachers. To help attract skilled and knowledgeable staff to key positions and to retain staff for the medium to long term, we wish to add children of staff to our oversubscribed criteria.

As a local school, we feel that it is important that siblings are able to attend the same school, even though they may no longer reside within the designated catchment area.

Copies of the proposed arrangements can be obtained from the Oaklands Junior School office or downloaded from their website <https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/>

How can you respond?

We would like to hear your views on these proposals. Please send any comments regarding the above proposed changes by emailing to:

admin@oaklands-jun.wokingham.sch.uk

Please mark your email OAKLANDS JUNIOR **SCHOOL CONSULTATION**

The consultation takes place between 5th December 2018 and the 23rd January 2019.

What happens next?

After the consultation closes the responses will be collated and presented to the Admissions Committee at The Corvus Trust who will decide whether or not to proceed with the proposed changes and determine the admission arrangements. The outcome will be published on our website by 15 March 2019.