



Consultation on proposed Admission Arrangements for King's Academy Binfield for entry in September 2024

Introduction

King's Academy Binfield is an academy school and is its own admission authority. When an admission authority wishes to make changes to their admission arrangements, they must consult to ensure all views are heard. King's Academy Binfield is consulting on the following changes to their admission arrangements:

Proposed changes to the oversubscription criteria:

- Add a criterion for children transferring to Year 7 and attending the linked primary academy, King's Academy Oakwood.
- Clarifying the definition of sibling

Why are we proposing these changes?

Linked primary academy criterion:

Paragraph 1.15 of the Schools Admissions Code 2021 (The Code) states:

“Admission authorities may wish to name a primary or middle school as a feeder school. The selection of a feeder school or schools as an oversubscription criterion **must** be transparent and made on reasonable grounds”.

Both schools are being run together as one organisation with shared staff at all levels across both schools. The Executive Principal leads King's Academy Binfield all through school and King's Academy Oakwood. The Head of Primary manages all primary phases across both schools. There is a single governing body overseeing both schools. All statutory policies are single policy for both schools. Teaching staff and support staff are employed at King's Academy Binfield all through school and King's Academy Oakwood, working in both settings and they are contracted to perform their duties at either location. For example, the Early Years Phase Leader coordinates and manages nursery and reception classes at both schools. The uniform is the same at both schools morphing into the secondary phase uniform at Key Stage 2.

Therefore children moving to the secondary phase at King's Academy Binfield from King's Academy Oakwood will have been under the governance of the KAB/KAO Governing body and the leadership of The KAB/KAO Executive Principal and Head of Primary as well as having been taught in line with the school's common curriculum, principles, values and expectations and by the specialist King's Academy Binfield secondary teachers throughout their time at King's Academy Oakwood.

King's Academy Binfield secondary phase has a PAN of 210. 30 students from King's Academy Oakwood having priority entry means there will be 180 spaces available for other local students. (Not all Kings Academy Oakwood children will necessarily choose to go to Kings Academy Binfield for Year 7 and beyond.)

Since inception, from the bid to run the two schools, it was always planned that both King's Academy Binfield and King's Academy Oakwood would be run as one school. The only difference between the two schools is the DfE number. This was because Kings Academy Oakwood is a small one form entry primary school and so this is necessary for the school to be run economically whilst being able to meet the needs of its immediate community.

This consultation is for children seeking admission to King's Academy Binfield secondary phase for September 2024. Therefore, follows the Schools Adjudicators advice from 20th August 2020 to determine the admission arrangements in early 2023.

To further clarify the definition of sibling:

Parents may indicate a sibling in year 11 at the school provided it is the intention of the family that the child is due to continue their studies in the sixth form at the school.

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:

consultation.education@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Please mark your email **KAB CONSULTATION**

Copies of the proposed arrangements can be obtained from the King's Academy Binfield school office or downloaded from their website <https://www.kgabinfoield.uk/>

The consultation takes place between 07 November 2022 until 19 December 2022

What happens next?

After the consultation closes the responses will be collated and presented to the Local Governing Body at King's Academy Binfield, 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 2023.