

SECONDARY SCHOOL CATCHMENT AREA REVIEW APPENDIX B **CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2014-15**

This document outlines the proposed changes to admissions policies of schools in the City for September 2014 and provides you with the opportunity to comment.

Admission Authorities are required to consult for a minimum period of eight weeks before 1 March in the determination year. The consultation period will commence on 21 December 2012 and will close at midnight on 28 February 2013. The City Council is co-ordinating the consultation on behalf of Academies, Voluntary Aided, Trust and Free schools.

The general information about Leicester City Council's policies and arrangements for School Admissions can be found within our three information booklets ('Starting School', 'Transfer to Junior School' and 'Admission to Secondary School'). These booklets can be obtained from the School Admissions Service and are available online at:

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/schooladmissionsconsultation>

Closing dates for applications for a school place in 2014:

The national closing dates will be 31 October 2013 for entry into Year 7 at secondary schools and 15 January 2014 for entry into Reception at primary schools.

1. Leicester City Council Proposals:

- Changes to the Oversubscription Criteria for Secondary Community maintained Schools

The City Council's separate Secondary School Catchment Area Review consultation proposes to remove 'linked' areas, and therefore it is proposed to also remove Criterion 5 'Children living in the area of a closed school whose parents name one of the linked schools to that area'



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It is also proposed to make sibling links a separate criterion rather than a tie-break in criterion 3. This will have no impact on the way places for siblings are allocated, but will lead to greater clarity for parents.

The proposed criterion for Secondary Schools will be:

- 1 Children in the care of a Local Authority or who were previously in care of a Local Authority
- 2 Children who are on the 'list of children subject to child protection plans' and need to attend an alternative school to avoid the abuser.
- 3 Children who are both living in the catchment area served by the school and have brothers or sisters* still attending the school at the time of their application and admission. Siblings must be in year 8, 9 or 10 at the time of admission.
- 4 Other children living in the catchment area at the time of application and admission.
- 5 Children who do not live in the catchment area served by the school but who have brothers or sisters* attending the school at the time of their admission. Siblings must be in year 8, 9 or 10 at the time of admission.
- 6 Children of parents / carers fleeing 'Domestic Violence'. (Subject to verification by a senior Social Worker or current City Council procedures for housing reallocation in cases of recognised domestic violence).
- 7 Other children whose parents have requested a place.
- 8 Children whose parents did not request a place by the closing date.

*By siblings we mean a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or a child of the parent / carer's partner and in every case the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.

The tie-break in each criterion will remain as distance from school in a straight line with those children living closest to the school having priority. Distance will be measured using the Local Authority's measuring system using the GEO CODE reference point for the child's home address to the GEO CODE reference point for the school.

2. Changes to Admission Numbers in Academies, VA, Trust and Free Schools

The proposed 2014 admission policies and arrangements for Academies and for Voluntary Aided, Trust and Free Schools can be found at:

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/schooladmissionsconsultation>

or from the schools themselves.

The proposed schemes of co-ordination for Primary, Secondary and, for the first time, Mid-Term admissions are also available at

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/schooladmissionsconsultation>

or from the School Admissions Service.

Comments on these proposals, or any other views on the admission arrangements for 2014, should be sent to: Steve Letten, Service Manager (School Admissions) by 28 February 2014. (Contact details below).

Alternatively, you may wish to use the attached response form. Any responses relating to the policies of Voluntary Aided, Trust or Free Schools will be passed on to the Governing Bodies concerned.

Following the end of the consultation period, the Leicester City Admissions Forum will consider all of the arrangements for 2014 and the comments made. Respective Admissions Authorities must make a final determination of their 2014 school admissions arrangements by 15 April 2013. Details of the outcomes will be published shortly afterwards.

If you require any details or clarification about this consultation, please contact: Steve Letten – steve.letten@leicester.gov.uk – or call

Tel: 0116 373 7455

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1. It is proposed to change the oversubscription criteria to include siblings as a separate criterion.

Any comment?

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Please add any comments you wish to make on any aspect of Admission Arrangements for 2014 (continue overleaf, or use a separate sheet if you need to).

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Signed Name.....

Position (e.g. parent, Head, Governor)

School (if applicable)