



Admission Arrangements Consultation

Statutory consultation on proposed admission arrangements for Woodhey High School from 2027/28.

Why are we consulting?

When changes are proposed to admission arrangements, all Admission Authorities must consult on their admission arrangements that will apply to admission applications for the following school year.

At least every seven years, Admission Authorities must consult on their admission arrangements; even if there have been no changes during that period.

We would like your views on proposed changes to the admission arrangements for our school for 2027/2028. Admission Authorities must consult on proposed changes to its admission arrangements for a minimum of six weeks between 1st October (at the earliest) and 31st January (at the latest) in the determination year.

Timescales:

In line with the Department for Education's (DfE) School Admissions Code (found here: [School admissions code 2021](#)), this consultation is for admissions to Woodhey High School from 1st September 2027.

The consultation must last for a minimum of six weeks and must take place between 1st October 2025 and 31st January 2026.

The consultation timetable is detailed below:

- 13th October 2025 – Consultation opens
- 1st December (3pm) – End of consultation period and deadline for submitting responses to the school
- 2nd December - Analysis of consultation responses and preparation of information to be considered by the Academy Council (Local Governing Body)
- 4th February – Formal determination of the admission arrangements
- By the end of February 2025 – Publication of determined admission arrangements

Arrangements:

The school must consult with the following:

- Parents and carers of children between the ages of two and eighteen
- Other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions
- All other admission authorities within the relevant area
- Whichever of the governing body and the local authority is not the admission authority
- Any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority

For the duration of the consultation, we must publish a copy of the full proposed admission arrangements on our website, including details of where comments may be sent and the areas on which comments are not sought. The Local Authority will consult on our behalf, with them being our admission authority.

**Current admission arrangements:**

1. Students with an Education, Health and Care Plan who name Woodhey High School as their preferred school
2. Children in Public Care (Looked After Children) or previously Looked After Children*
3. Children who will have an older brother or sister in the school in September 2024 (for this purpose, a brother or sister may be a full or step-brother or a full or step-sister, living at the same address at the time of admission)
4. Other children

Proposed admission arrangements:

1. Students with an Education, Health and Care Plan who name Woodhey High School as their preferred school
2. Children in Public Care (Looked After Children) or previously Looked After Children*
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4. Those who are children of staff employed at Woodhey High School
5. Other children

Rationale for change:

As an employer, we have a duty of care to our colleagues to ensure they have an appropriate work-life balance to allow them to be as effective as possible in school so that our students receive an excellent experience. To support colleagues with a fulfilling family life through things like picking up and dropping their own children at school, and being able to attend events such as school performances, and parents' and carers' events more readily.

Similarly, as the school continues to go from strength to strength, we are seeing an increasing number of current employees who want to consider the school as the place of education for their own children. This is something that we should be very proud of, and is testament to the strength of the team and the provision they offer our students, that they consider it excellent enough for their own children. Where colleagues have their own children at our school, this will promote investment in the school and stability in the staffing body.

This is a similar theme with potential employees. We are now finding that potential employees, who want to work for our school, also want to send their own children here. With this change in admission criteria, this will provide an additional recruitment tool, allowing us to attract the best staff for our students, and therefore improving the provision for our current students.

Anticipated impact:

Our PAN is currently 210. We have no plans to change this. We are currently oversubscribed in every year group. Whilst we anticipate that this change in criteria may mean that we gain some additional students, we are not anticipating there will be significant impact on the current admission arrangements. An estimate at this stage is that there will only be around 1-2 children at most, each academic year, who would fall under the new 4th criteria. Therefore the impact on other children within the borough would be negligible.



**Who are we consulting with?**

We are seeking views from:

1. Parents and carers in our borough who have children of school age
2. Other persons in our borough who the Local Authority believes will have an interest in the proposed admissions
3. All other admission authorities within the borough
4. Governing bodies in the borough (who are not admission authorities)
5. Our adjoining/neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority coincides
6. The bodies representing the religions/religious denomination of the faith schools in our borough

How to respond:

You are invited to submit responses about the proposal above to the Academy Council and school via email: woodhey@woodhey.set.org

Responses must be received no later than 3pm on 1st December 2025. Responses received after this time and date may not be considered.

For more information:

If you would like to discuss the proposal or would like more information, please email: woodhey@woodhey.set.org