



Admissions Policy

September 2024

Next Review: Autumn 2025

ADMISSIONS POLICY

The Trust's aims are to ensure that all children within our schools gain a first-rate education, develop the skills necessary for the next stage in their lives and are equipped with the personal values and attributes that will make them successful in a fast-changing world.

Under the terms of the funding agreements with the Secretary of State, the Beyond Schools Trust is the admissions authority for all schools within the Trust. The Trust will comply with the School Admissions and School Admissions Appeals Codes, as published by the Department for Education. The Trust Academies will join in any Admissions Forum, coordinated admission arrangements and Fair Access Protocol that the appropriate authority might operate. The Trust expects that all Academies in the Trust will ensure that their admissions arrangements, oversubscription criteria and admission number are considered (and consulted on if necessary). Where there are significant changes to the Admission criteria the Trust will submit a business case to the Regional Director.

The Trust will make arrangements for an Independent Appeals Panel, properly trained and clerked should the need arise.

Links to other policies Equalities.

Diversity (equality) impact assessment. Admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria will be considered annually in order to address any adverse impact on prospective pupils.

Monitoring arrangements – LOCAL GOVERNING BODY will annually monitor arrangements, oversubscription criteria and admission numbers and, if necessary, conduct a consultation on any suggested changes or after seven years.

Risk Assessment

| Area | Risk | Managed by Procedure |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Child protection | Vulnerable or SEN children not admitted to preferred school | Criteria |
| Financial | Tribunal costs | Criteria and arrangements Appeal panel |
| Achievement and Attainment | | |
| Business continuity | Reputation | All |
| Other | | |

Date of Trustee approval:

December 2024

Review arrangements including date of review:

Annually – Autumn 2025

Trust wide Procedures

DfE School Admissions code (statutory)

DfE School Admissions Appeals Code (statutory)

Admissions criteria guidelines and determination

PAN Determination

Admission appeal arrangements and panels – statutory using the Code

School documents and procedures

Admissions criteria within Trust guidelines, and consultation

Planned admission numbers, and consultation

Admission arrangements – yearly and casual - statutory using the Code and published admission arrangements