

Monday 5th December

Dear Stakeholder,

Consultation on proposed changes to the Admission Arrangements for Lydiard Park Academy, Abbey Park School, Orchid Vale, Red Oaks and Bridlewood Primary Schools

The Park Academies Trust is consulting on revised School Admission Arrangements for all of our schools as mentioned above. Our intention is that these revised arrangements will be in place for entry for the academic year 2024-25.

Consultation Dates

Responses to this consultation process should be made by Monday 16th January 2023. Responses will be considered at a meeting on 21st February 2023 and a final decision on the Admission Arrangements at both academies will be made by 28th February 2023 and published on our websites by 15th March 2023.

How to respond

Responses can be sent in writing to:

Clerk to the Admissions Committee, The Park Academies Trust, c/o Abbey Park School, Redhouse Way, Redhouse, Swindon, SN25 2ND or by email: Clerk@theparkacademiestrust.com – please add ‘Admissions Consultation’ to the subject line in your email.

Changes we are consulting on in the Admission Arrangements for Abbey Park School, Lydiard Park Academy, Orchid Vale Primary School and Red Oaks Primary School:

What are the proposed changes?

1. The admission arrangements have been revised to give further clarification on the tie breaker.
2. The admission arrangements have been revised to give further clarification regarding the staff child criteria.

Both of these criteria are currently in place but have been amended to provide further clarification only.

In addition, Bridlewood Primary School has been added as a feeder school in the Abbey Park School Admission Arrangements for 2024-25 entry. Since March 2022, Bridlewood Primary has been working closely with Abbey Park School. There has been joint staff training including TEEP training, which means that Abbey Park teachers can use and build on the techniques being taught at Bridlewood Primary School. Abbey Park Pastoral and SEN teams have also worked together alongside their Bridlewood Primary School colleagues to support transition and an integrated approach. As such, Year 6 pupils from Bridlewood Primary School are uniquely well placed to benefit from the curriculum at Abbey Park School, which has been designed with the input of both Bridlewood and Abbey Park staff. As such we wish to give applicants from Abbey Park Primary School preference over other applications in the event

of there being more external applications than places, and hence we are proposing to name Bridlewood Primary School as a designated feeder school for Abbey Park School.

Changes we are consulting on in the Admission Arrangements for Bridlewood Primary School:

What are the proposed changes?

Now that Bridlewood Primary School have joined the Trust, we have constructed new Admission Arrangements for Bridlewood Primary School to mirror the admission arrangements for our other primary schools in the Trust.

For any further information about the Admissions Arrangements for the above academies, please contact the Admissions Committee using the details above.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BA', written in a cursive style.

Benedick Ashmore-Short

CEO