



CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL'S ADMISSION POLICY (FROM SEPTEMBER 2020)

Governors are consulting on a proposal to amend the Admissions Policy oversubscription criteria for Prince Henry's Grammar School, so that it includes a preference to students attending a named feeder primary school - Bramhope Primary School. Full details of where this preference falls within the oversubscription criteria are provided within this document.

Introduction and Context:

Prince Henry's has a long-standing partnership with Bramhope Primary School. In recent years this partnership has been strengthened as the range of shared activities has been extended. The strong links between the two schools include:

- Collaboration on education development plans
- A range of transition visits and activities for KS2 pupils
- Ongoing student enrichment activities
- Moderation activities for English and maths
- Ongoing shared IT support staff (service level agreement)
- Ongoing shared site management staff (service level agreement)

In addition, governors from both Bramhope Primary School and Prince Henry's have worked together to form the Collaborative Learning Trust. Prince Henry's is already a member of the new Trust and Bramhope Primary School has submitted an application to the DfE with the intention of joining the Trust from December 2018. Therefore the existing strong links between the two schools will expand to include:

- Shared vision and values
- Shared governance at Trust Board level
- Shared expertise at Local Governing Board level
- Shared expertise in leadership and stronger staff links between the two schools
- Shared curriculum planning to enhance academic transition from KS2 to KS3
- Shared staffing to support teaching and learning e.g. "Mastery Learning" teacher for literacy and numeracy working across both schools
- Additional shared extra curricular and enrichment activities for pupils

Prince Henry's has historically been oversubscribed for school places in Year 7. The demand for places has increased over time and in 2018 this resulted in 19 Year 6 pupils from Bramhope Primary School unable to secure a place at Prince Henry's under the existing Admissions Policy. The Local Authority demographic and projections data for school admissions suggest that this pressure on Year 7 places is likely to continue in future years.

The proposed change would ensure that children who attend Bramhope Primary School, and therefore have experienced strong and sustained educational and social links with Prince Henry's, would be given a higher priority. This would not, however, be to the detriment of any child where Prince Henry's is their nearest high school. Therefore children living in the local community of Otley will not be affected at all by the change proposed.

The CURRENT Oversubscription Criteria

Children with special educational needs who have a Statement / EHC Plan which names Prince Henry's Grammar School will be allocated a place at the school. This is a statutory entitlement under the S.324 of the Education Act 1996.

Allocation of places:

If the number of applications does not exceed the number of places available, all applicants will be granted a place at the school.

If there are more applications than available places (oversubscription), the following oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places:

Criteria 1

- a) Children in public care or fostered under an arrangement made by the local authority. (See note 1)*
- b) Pupils without a statement/EHC Plan but who have special educational needs, or with exceptional medical or mobility needs, which can only reasonably be met at Prince Henry's. (See note 2)*

Criteria 2

Children with brothers or sisters who will be on roll at Prince Henry's at the start of the academic year 2019 – 2020. Priority will only be given to brothers and sisters if they are living in the same house and the application is received by the closing date. (See note 3)

Criteria 3

Children for whom Prince Henry's Grammar School is the nearest high school. (See notes 4, 5 and 6)

Criteria 4

Children of current Prince Henry's Grammar School staff (up to a maximum of 5 per year). Staff must have been employed by Prince Henry's Grammar School for at least two years at the time when the application for admission is made.

Criteria 5

Any other children

Tie break

Within each criterion, if there is oversubscription, remaining places available will be allocated according to distance. Children living closest to the school will, therefore, be allocated a place before those who live further away. (See notes 4, 5 and 6)

The PROPOSED Oversubscription Criteria (for September 2020 admissions)

Children with special educational needs who have a Statement / EHC Plan which names Prince Henry's Grammar School will be allocated a place at the school. This is a statutory entitlement under the S.324 of the Education Act 1996.

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Children for whom Prince Henry's Grammar School is the nearest high school. (See note 4, 5 and 6)

Criteria 4

Children who attend Bramhope Primary School.

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Children of current Prince Henry's Grammar School staff (up to a maximum of 5 per year). Staff must have been employed by Prince Henry's Grammar School for at least two years at the time when the application for admission is made.

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Tie break

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Details and explanations

Note 1

Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order will be included within the higher priority for looked after children.

Note 2

A statement in writing from a doctor or other relevant professional must support applications in this category. This is necessary, as governors of the school will need to assess if the child in question has a stronger case than other children.

Note 3

For these purposes, brothers and sisters must be living at the same address as the child for whom a place is being requested. This also includes children living with the family such as foster children and stepchildren. The definition does not include cousins or families sharing a house.

Note 4

The distance between home and school is measured as a straight line between the centre of the school and the home. For this purpose, we shall apply the distances provided by a national computer system, which is the method of measurements used by the local authority.

Note 5

If the school has to move to a temporary site for any reason, such as the building being damaged by a fire, we will base our distance measurements on the school's permanent site.

Note 6

For admission purposes, the home address is where the child usually lives with their parent or carer. Parents or carers must not give the address of a child-minder or relative. When we make an offer we assume the child's address will be the same in the following September as the one we have on record. If there is a plan to move house, parents must still give the current address. If parents move after the deadline for submission of the preference form in October, they must inform the school and the local authority of the new address.

The Consultation Process

The consultation will run for seven weeks, from *Friday 5th October 2018* until midnight on *Friday 23rd November 2018*.

In line with the statutory guidance the range of this consultation is:

- Parents of children between the ages of 2 and 18 who live in the area;
- Other persons in the relevant area who, in the governors' opinion, have an interest in the proposed admission arrangements e.g. local councillors and local headteachers;
- Other admissions authorities in the area;
- The Local Authority;
- Adjoining Local Authorities

Information about the consultation will be shared via letter, email, the school's website and social media.

The Local Authority will also communicate the consultation through inclusion on the council website.

Interested parties are welcome to respond by emailing comments relating to the proposed admissions policy oversubscription criteria to consultation@princehenrys.co.uk

The purpose of the consultation is to receive feedback on the proposed changes. Once the consultation has concluded on Friday 23rd November 2018, all responses will be collated and presented to the Board of Governors for full consideration at their meeting in December 2018.

A full report on the outcome of the consultation will be published on the Prince Henry's school website by the end of February 2019.