

Primary Admissions Policy 2027–2028 Consultation

Date: November 2025

1. Introduction

This document sets out the proposed admission arrangements for schools within the Trust for entry in the 2027-2028 academic year.

As the admission authority for its academies, the Trust is responsible for determining the admission arrangements in accordance with the School Admissions Code (2021).

As part of our ongoing commitment to consistency and fairness across all schools, we have reviewed the admissions criteria to ensure oversubscription ranking is consistent across the Trust and aligned with Buckinghamshire Council's approach.

2. Trust Schools Covered by These Arrangements

These proposed arrangements apply to the following schools within the Trust:

- Bearbrook Combined School
- Bedgrove Junior School
- Elmhurst School
- Great Kimble CoE School
- Manor Farm Junior School
- Prestwood Village Schools
- Princes Risborough Primary School
- West Wycombe Combined School
- Wooburn Green Primary School

3. The proposed changes

The [new trust-wide admissions policy](#), effective from the 2027/2028 academic year introduces:

- **Unified oversubscription criteria**
All schools in the trust will adopt the same list and order of criteria to ensure consistency and equity.
- **Buckinghamshire model adoption**
The structure and level of detail in our criteria will follow the Buckinghamshire model, recognised locally for its clarity and fairness.
- **Tie-breaker alignment**
Buckinghamshire's tie-breaker criteria will be used to resolve cases where applicants meet the same priority level.

4. Consultation process

In accordance with paragraph 1.42 of the Schools Admission Code (2021), we will run a consultation on the proposed new arrangements for six weeks, from **Monday 24th November 2025 to Monday 12th January 2026**.

Responses should be submitted by the closing date.

The consultation seeks the views and comments of:

- Parents/carers in our school communities
- Parents/ carers in our feeder schools/ nurseries
- Local Governing Boards
- Buckinghamshire Council
- All schools in Buckinghamshire
- Parish Council and the Diocese (where relevant)
- Anyone else who may be affected by the proposed changes.

Comments or representations may be sent to individual schools in the Trust via this linked form: [Admission Policy 27/28 consultation – Fill out form](#)

or directly to the Trust via email: development@greatlearnertrust.co.uk

Please note that comments are not sought on areas of the arrangements that remain unchanged.

5. Determination and publication

All responses will be considered by the Trust Board.

The Trust Board will determine the final admission arrangement by 28 February 2026.

Final versions will be published on the Trust and individual school websites by 15 March 2026.