



Wentworth

Primary School

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To whom it may concern

CONSULTATION – PROPOSED CHANGES TO ADMISSIONS CRITERIA 2017/2018

The Governors of Wentworth Primary School (Academy) are consulting on their proposed admissions criteria for 2017/2018.

Please can you make your parents aware of this and direct them to our website

www.wentworthonline.co.uk to view the proposed Admissions Policy.

The consultation period runs until **8th January 2016** and any response should be directed to the school or emailed to:

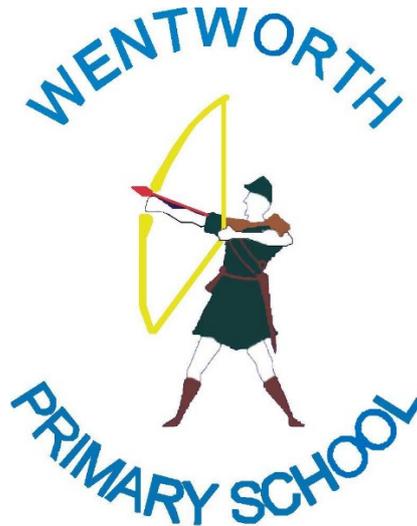
headteacher@wentworth.kent.sch.uk (subject: CONSULTATION)

After this date, Wentworth Primary School will hold a Governors' Meeting to confirm the determined arrangements.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Langridge
Headteacher

13.11.15



CONSULTATION ON
WENTWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL (ACADEMY)
OVER-SUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

Wentworth Primary School are consulting to determine their admission and over-subscription criteria for September 2017.

The Consultation period will be from 13th November 2015 to 8th January 2016.

The fourth over-subscription criteria is proposed to be:

A child of staff at the School – where:

- a. The member of staff is employed at the school at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made and / or***
- b. The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post.***

This is a new criteria which is to recognise the crucial role our staff have to ensuring Wentworth Primary School continues to be an excellent place in which to be educated. This criterion will help to ensure that we are able to recruit and retain the highest quality of staff and recognise the excellent contribution they make to the school community.

Any response you wish to make should be directed to the school.

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Wentworth Primary School (Academy) Admissions Procedures

Wentworth Primary School is an Academy and so the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority. However, the Governors of Wentworth Primary School will comply with National admissions legislation and work in co-operation with Kent County Council in order to operate within the Local Authority's admissions scheme. Wentworth Primary School has one intake per year and below we outline our proposals for admissions for 2017/2018.

Our proposed published admission number is 70. Before the application of over-subscription criteria, children with a **Statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)** which names the school will be admitted. As a result of this the published admission number will be reduced accordingly.

Our proposed over-subscription criteria are set out below and each criterion will be ranked in distance order:

1. Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care

A child under the age of 18 years for whom the Local Authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (Section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or who is the subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act. This applies equally to children who immediately after being looked after by the Local Authority became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order (as defined by Section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 or Section 8 or 14A of the Children Act 1989).

2. Current Family Association

A brother or sister (sibling) attending Wentworth Primary School at the time of entry where the family continue to live at the same address as when the sibling was admitted, or if they have moved, live within 2 miles of the school, or have moved to a property that is nearer to the school than the previous property as defined by the 'Nearness' criterion (below). In this context, brother or sister means a child who lives as a brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers or sisters.

3. Health, Social and Special Access Reasons

Medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend Wentworth Primary School. Equally this priority will apply to children whose parents/guardians physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend this particular school. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and Wentworth Primary School that parents feel is the **only** school that can accommodate these needs.

Please note that social needs does not include your intended or current childcare facilities.

4. A child of staff at the school – where;

- a. the member of staff is employed at the school at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made and/or
- b. the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post.

5. Nearness of children's homes to school

In line with the Local Authority's Co-ordinated Scheme for Primary Admissions, the school uses the measurements provided by the Local Authority who use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line using Ordnance Survey address point data. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by Ordnance Survey. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. A child's home is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence and not an address at which the child may sometimes stay or sleep due to your own domestic or special arrangements and which is either owned by the child's parent, parents, or guardian or leased or rented to them under a lease or written rental agreement. The address must be the pupil's home address on the day you completed your application form.

Where partners live apart but share responsibility for the child and the child lives at two different addresses during the week, we will regard the home address as the one at which the child sleeps for the majority of week days. A block of flats has a single address point reference, so applicants living in the same block will be regarded as living the same distance away from the school. In the unlikely event that two or more children live in the same block or the same distance from the school and in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the school, the names will be allocated a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place.

After a place has been offered, the school reserves the right to withdraw the place in the following circumstances:

1. When a parent has failed to respond to an offer within a reasonable time.
2. When a parent has failed to notify the school of important changes to the application information.
3. The Admission Authority offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from a parent.

Applications for Wentworth Primary School should be made through the child's home Local Authority (LA), either Kent County Council or Bexley Council (depending on where the parent's pay their Council Tax to) via the Primary Admissions Scheme. You will be required to complete the Reception Common Application Form (RCAF) either online through the LA website or request a paper RCAF from the parent's home LA.

Tie Breaker

In a tie breaker situation the nearness of an applicant's home to the school will be the decider. In the event that more than one applicant lives the same distance from home to the school (as measured by the Local Authority), then a random selection will be applied.

Admission of Children Below Compulsory School Age and Deferred Entry to School

1. Parents have the right for the date their child is admitted to school to be deferred until later in the academic year or until the term in which the child reaches compulsory school age, and
2. Parents have the right for their child to take up the place part-time until their child reaches compulsory school age.

Waiting List for Reception places

After the initial allocation of places in April 2017, parents whose children were not allocated a place may be put on a waiting list. The waiting list is kept in over-subscription order. The child will remain on the waiting list until parents/carers request the child be removed from the list or until the end of August 2018 whichever is the sooner.

In Year Casual Admissions

Application for the admission of other children and late applications to Reception will need to be made using the LA 'In Year Casual Application Form' (IYCAF).

Waiting List for Casual Admissions

The school does operate a waiting list for available places. For a child to remain on the waiting list and to renew interest, parents need to return any correspondence sent from the school. If a place becomes available the school will contact the parents/carers by letter and they are asked to accept or refuse the place within 10 days. The school will notify Kent LA of the outcome via the IYCAF.

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