Abbots Hall Primary Academy

Committed to Safeguarding Children

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Dear Consultees,

Abbots Hall Primary Academy is consulting on proposed changes to the school's admission arrangements oversubscription criteria. As the admission authority, the Academy is required to consult on proposed changes to its admission arrangements in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code. The proposed changes relate only to the school's oversubscription criteria for admission to Reception.

Proposed oversubscription criteria:

Where there are more applications than places available, priority will be given in the following order:

1. Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children
Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children will automatically be given first priority over other categories where priority is claimed on the application form and validated by the local authority.

2. Catchment Area Siblings
Children whose normal place of residence is within the catchment area of the school at the closing date for applications and who will have a sibling at the school at the point of admission, in distance order, with those living closer having higher priority.

3. Non-Catchment Area Siblings
Children whose normal place of residence is outside the catchment area of the school at the closing date for applications and who will have a sibling at the school at the point of admission, in distance order, with those living closer having higher priority.

4. Catchment Area Children
Children whose normal place of residence is within the catchment area of the school at the closing date for applications, in distance order, with those living closer having higher priority.

5. Non-Catchment Area Children
Children whose normal place of residence is outside the catchment area of the school at the closing date for applications, in distance order, with those living closer having higher priority.

Education, Health and Care Plans ***[Removed from criteria, previously as oversubscription criteria 2]***

Children whose Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) names Abbots Hall Primary Academy will be admitted to the school in accordance with the statutory requirements of the School Admissions Code. Such children will be admitted regardless of the number of applications received.

This is a statutory admission requirement and is therefore separate from the school's oversubscription criteria.

Abbots Hall Primary Academy is a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales with company number 8484553
The registered office is at Abbotts Drive, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, SS17 7BW

Consultation

The purpose of this consultation is to provide parents, carers and other interested parties with an opportunity to consider and comment on the proposed admission arrangements before they are formally determined.

The consultation will run from Thursday **1st October 2026** to **Thursday 12th November 2026.**

We welcome comments and representations regarding the proposed arrangements. Responses should be submitted in writing to:

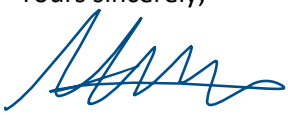
admin@abbotshall.thurrock.sch.uk

All responses received during the consultation period will be considered before the Academy formally determines the admission arrangements.

Following the consultation, the final admission arrangements will be published in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the proposed changes and for providing any comments you wish the Academy to take into account.

Yours sincerely,



Jack Arnold
Headteacher