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Dear Parent/Carer,

Consultation on Proposed Changes to the Admissions Policy 2022-23

The Trustees of the Learning for Life Trust, as the admissions authority for our school, are required to consult on Admissions Policy every 7 years or when making changes.

Some amendments to the policy have been made in accordance with updates to the School Admissions Code 2021 (Department for Education). These are outlined below.

Details of the proposed key amendments to the policy are:

1. The oversubscription criteria previously placed children with an Educational Healthcare Plan naming Fairfield Primary School at #1. The Governors have a statutory duty to admit children in these circumstances so the criteria has been removed.
2. Looked after children or previously looked after children are now the highest priority for entry in the event of receiving more applications than our capacity.
3. A member of staff now has to have worked for the Trust for two years (or have been recruited to fill a post for which there was a demonstrable shortage) to be eligible for priority (iii).
4. The waiting list, should we have one, will remain open until 31st December (the previous policy stated 1 term).

The above changes are included in the draft Admissions Policy 2022-23, which is available on the school website (<https://www.fairfieldprimary.co.uk/policies>).

We will consult on the proposed admission changes with:

- parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen
- other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions
- all other admission authorities within the relevant area
- the local authority
- any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority

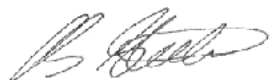
Should you have any comments on the proposals, please put them in writing and send them to Mr C Steele, either by email: head@fairfieldprimary.co.uk or by post to: Mr C Steele, Fairfield Primary School, Gallowbarrow, Cockermouth, CA13 0DX



The consultation will take place for a period of six weeks, commencing on 17th September 2021 and closing on 29th October 2021.

Trustees will consider any comments received and will reach a decision about making any amendments so that the Admissions Policy 2022-23 can be published by February 2022.

Yours sincerely



Mr C J Steele
Headteacher

