



## **Consultation on Admission Arrangements for 2022/23**

**8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**

As the Admitting Authority for Neale-Wade Academy, The Active Learning Trust (ALT) is seeking views on admission arrangements for the school year 2022/23. All schools within the ALT follow the Admissions Code and the law relating to admissions. This accords with the Trust's funding agreement with the Department for Education.

Cambridge County Council will continue to co-ordinate the admission arrangements for the normal year of entry (Year 7) and ALT will continue to administer in-year applications and appeals. Parents wishing to apply for a school place outside of a normal year of entry should contact the school office for further information.

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for Neale-Wade Academy is 300 students for each year group. The Active Learning Trust is seeking to reduce the PAN to 270, which would bring the PAN in line with numbers on roll for the last five years. Arrangements for when a school receives a higher number of applications than it has places available will remain the same, with an oversubscription criteria being used to determine which pupils are allocated a place.

Children who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs, or an Education, Health and Care plan which names the school, must by law be offered a place at that school.

Given below is a summary of the oversubscription criteria proposed for Neale-Wade Academy:

For applications to the normal year of entry, these criteria will be applied according to the circumstances existing by midnight at the end of the closing date for applications. For in-year applications, these criteria will be applied according to circumstances existing at the time of applications.

**A:** *A 'looked after child' or child who was previously looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship arrangements. (A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of its social services functions (see definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). This includes children*

*This includes children who appear to the Admission Authority to have been in state care (i.e. in the care of or accommodated by a public authority, religious organisation or any other provider whose sole/main purpose is to benefit society) outside of England but ceased to be so as a result of being adopted only.*

**B:** *Children with a sibling attending the school at the time of application who is reasonably expected to still be attending the school at the proposed time of admission.*

**C:** *Other children by distance from the school with priority for admission being given to those living nearest to the school as measured by a straight line.*

As part of the consultation process, you are entitled to give your views on the proposed changes to the admission arrangements (namely, in relation to the proposed changes to the oversubscription criteria outlined above). You can do this by either:-

Writing to Admissions, The Active Learning Trust, c/o Littleport & East Cambs Academy, Camel Road, Littleport, Cambs., CB6 1EW or Emailing: [admin@activelearningtrust.org](mailto:admin@activelearningtrust.org)

Responses must be received no later than noon on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.