

Rushey Mead Educational Trust (RMET) Academies' Admissions Policies 2019/20
Consultation 18 December 2017 to 31 January 2018
Changes in the oversubscription criteria

RMET is proposing changes to the admissions policy for each of its academies to bring them in line with the 2019/20 admissions arrangements that Leicester City Council is consulting on this year. The changes are to the oversubscription criteria and are listed below along with the rationale (the wording is from Leicester City Council consultation).

Proposed change	Detail	Reason
<p>1) To increase the sibling priority to include siblings in attendance in Year 11</p> <p><i>(Note: this change only applies to secondary schools. Previously Rushey Mead Academy's admissions policy did not state year groups but the proposal is that it replicates Leicester City Council's)</i></p>	<p>At the moment, sibling priority only extends to children who have a brother or sister in attendance in years 7-10, at the time they start their new school. It is proposed that sibling priority is extended to those who will have brothers or sisters attending in year 11</p>	<p><i>This proposal would ensure that sibling priority is applied fairly and consistently across Leicester City community, voluntary controlled schools and academies</i></p>
<p>2) To remove the domestic violence criterions and replace with a social and medical criterion</p>	<p>All Leicester City Schools have experience in dealing with children with diverse social and medical needs. However there may be exceptional cases where there are compelling reasons why a child needs to attend one specific school. It is proposed that these children will be addressed in this new criterion which will be described as '<i>Pupils who have serious medical condition or exceptional social or domestic needs that make it essential they attend the school requested</i>'.</p> <p>At the moment, priority on exceptional grounds is only given to those who meet the following two domestic violence criterions:</p> <p>Criterion 2: Children who are the subject of child protection plans where an alternative school is necessary to avoid the abuser.</p> <p>Criterion 3: Children of parents/carers who are fleeing domestic violence, whose application is verified by a senior social worker or who meet</p>	<p><i>This proposal would ensure that the most vulnerable children are given priority for a place where there are compelling reasons to attend a specific school</i></p>

	<p>Leicester City Council's procedures for housing reallocation for recognized domestic violence.</p> <p>It is proposed that these criteria are removed and replaced with a social and medical criterion.</p>	
<p>3) To add a new oversubscription criterion that gives priority for children of staff</p>	<p>It is important that our schools are able to attract and retain high quality staff to ensure that our children and young people receive the best quality teaching and support possible. We feel that if we were to give priority for school places to the children of staff this would attract more good candidates and would help to raise standards in our schools. The School Admissions Code (December 2014) enables priority to be given to children of staff in either one or both of the following circumstances:</p> <p>a) Where the member of staff* has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made; and/or</p> <p>b) The member of staff* is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.</p> <p><i>*Staff is defined as all employed staff, not only teachers</i></p> <p><i>Note that, for Rushey Mead Educational Trust (RMET), this criterion does not extend to the children of staff in other academies within RMET nor to staff employed centrally in the Trust.</i></p>	<p><i>This proposal would help to ensure that our schools are attracting and retaining the best staff. This will raise our standards of education and the level of support offered to all children attending</i></p>