
15 December 2023	Start consultation
30 January 2024	Finish consultation

Castle Mead Academy is proposing a change to its policy for admissions arrangements for the 2025-26 academic year and subsequent years. The proposed policy is presented here.

The policy currently has two oversubscription criteria in the following order:

- Children who are sons/daughters of staff working at the School
- Children whose home address is in the catchment area of the School

The proposed change is to swap these round so those in the catchment area have priority over children of staff.

The rationale for this is that we believe that Castle Mead Academy should serve its local community and so children in the catchment area (and living closest to the school) should have a higher priority than children of staff. This change will bring the Castle Mead Academy Admissions Policy in line with the policies of the other TMET schools in Leicester.

The policy includes an oversubscription criterion for '90 children eligible for Pupil Premium'. The proposed change is to clarify the application of this criterion, specifically that:

- This criterion will only be considered for transfer from Year 6 to Year 7 and not for admissions in-year and into other year groups. *This is intended to avoid burdensome administration.*
- The total of 90 children eligible for Pupil Premium will include any children who have been given a school place based on criteria 1 to 4. Further children eligible for Pupil Premium may be given a school place based on subsequent criteria (so 90 should not be treated as a cap). *This is to remove ambiguity in the way this criterion should be applied.*
- The reference to children for whom their parents cannot provide evidence that their child is registered for free school meals is removed to avoid misinterpretation.

The consultation period runs from 15 December 2023 to 30 January 2024 and allows anyone with an interest (for example parents, other schools and the local community) to comment about the proposed admission arrangements. You can comment by:

- Writing to: Cathy Brown, The Mead Educational Trust, The Mead Centre, 343 Gipsy Lane, Leicester LE4 9DD
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