



## Consultation on Proposed Admission Arrangements at The Bulmershe School for entry into Year 7 from September 2026

### Introduction

The Bulmershe School is an academy school, within the Corvus Learning Trust, and we are our own admissions authority. As such, we wish to make a change to our admission arrangements, and we must consult to ensure all relevant views are heard. The Bulmershe School is consulting on the following change to the admission arrangements:

### Proposed change:

#### The change to oversubscribed criteria is:

Add 'Children of staff at The Bulmershe School' as Criterion C.

### Why are we proposing this change?

As an oversubscribed secondary school, The Bulmershe School, wishes to retain and recruit an excellent calibre of staff for our students. This includes the very best staff to deliver high quality lessons and support. However, the recruitment and retention of all staff is increasingly difficult against a backdrop of a national shortage of teachers and the high cost of living in this area. To help attract skilled and knowledgeable professionals to key positions and to retain staff for the medium to long term, we wish to add children of The Bulmershe School staff to our oversubscribed criteria.

### The Criteria for The Bulmershe School Policy 2024-25 is currently below:

- (A) Looked After Children and all previously looked after children. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been looked after. This also includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- (B) Children who have either medical or social grounds for admission to The Bulmershe School. This evidence must set out the particular reason why the school is the only suitable school and the difficulties caused if the child had to attend another school. The decision in these matters is final. An additional form will need to be completed.



- (C) Children who live in the designated area of the school and who have a sibling who will still be attending the school at the time of the child's admission.
- (D) Children who live in the designated area of the school.
- (E) Children who do not live in the designated area of the school but who have a sibling at the school, and who will still be attending school at the time of the child's admission.
- (F) All other children.

#### **The proposed revised Criteria for The Bulmershe School Policy 2025-26:**

- (A) Looked After Children and all previously looked after children. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been looked after. This also includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- (B) Children who have either medical or social grounds for admission to The Bulmershe School. This evidence must set out the particular reason why the school is the only suitable school and the difficulties caused if the child had to attend another school. The decision in these matters is final. An additional form will need to be completed.
- (C) Children of staff at the school. Where a 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 the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. The skills shortage area will be determined by The Governor's Admissions Committee.
- (D) Children who live in the designated area of the school and who have a sibling who will still be attending the school at the time of the child's admission.
- (E) Children who live in the designated area of the school.
- (F) Children who do not live in the designated area of the school but who have a sibling at the school, and who will still be attending school at the time of the child's admission.
- (G) All other children.



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A copy of the proposed arrangement can be seen on The Bulmershe School website:

<https://www.thebulmersheschool.com/>

### How can you respond?

We would appreciate your views on this proposal. Please send any comments regarding the proposed change, by email to: [admissions@bulmershe.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@bulmershe.wokingham.sch.uk)

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The consultation takes place between 16 December 2024 and 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

### What happens next?

After the consultation closing date, the responses will be collated and presented to the Corvus Learning Trust and The Bulmershe School's Governing Board who will reach a decision on whether or not to proceed with the proposed change and determine the admission arrangements. The outcome will be published on The Bulmershe School website by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

