

Monday 4th December 2023

Dear Stakeholder,

Consultation on proposed changes to the Admission Arrangements for Highworth Warneford School, Lydiard Park Academy, Abbey Park School, Orchid Vale, Red Oaks and Bridlewood Primary Schools

The Park Academies Trust is consulting on revised School Admission Arrangements for all of our schools as mentioned above. Our intention is that these revised arrangements will be in place for entry for the academic year 2025-26.

Consultation Dates

Responses to this consultation process should be made by Friday 19th January 2024. Responses will be considered at a meeting on 26th February 2024 and a final decision on the Admission Arrangements at both academies will be made by 28th February 2024 and published on our websites by 15th March 2024.

How to respond

Responses can be sent in writing to:

Clerk to the Admissions Committee, The Park Academies Trust, c/o Abbey Park School, Redhouse Way, Redhouse, Swindon, SN25 2ND or by email: Clerk@theparkacademiestrust.com – please add 'Admissions Consultation' to the subject line in your email.

Changes we are consulting on in the Admission Arrangements for Abbey Park School, Lydiard Park Academy, Orchid Vale Primary School, Red Oaks Primary School, Bridlewood Primary School:

What are the proposed changes?

1. The admission arrangements for Abbey Park School have been revised to give further clarification on the feeder school criteria, addition highlighted below:

*Any child who is attending Red Oaks Primary School, Orchid Vale Primary School or Bridlewood Primary School in Year 6 **at the time of application.***

2. The admission arrangements for all schools have been revised to give further clarification regarding the sibling criteria and also to make reference to the Home Address definition within the admission arrangements. Additions highlighted below:

Sibling refers to a child who has a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister or the child of the cohabiting partner, foster brother or sister where the child for

whom the Academy place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as the sibling who is attending Abbey Park School at the time of admission (please also see Home Address section below). Checks will be made with the relevant school to ensure addresses match. Sibling does not include the children of friends or extended family members living at the same address.

Both of these criteria are currently in place but have been amended to provide further clarification only.

- In the admission arrangements for Lydiard Park Academy, the form to apply for a place in Year 12 has been removed as this is now completed digitally.
- Additional information has been added to the admission arrangements for Lydiard Park Academy in relation to the minimum entry requirements for admission to Year 12 as follows:

*Each pathway has a 'points based' entry criteria based on GCSE grades. GCSE points are calculated by totalling the numeric grade from the **EIGHT BEST GCSE** grades. Vocational qualification grades will be converted into numeric grades, e.g a Level 2 Pass is a grade 4, Merit grade 5 and Distinction grade 6. Our pathways consist of the following options:*

Academic Pathway

Our minimum entry requirements start from 30 GCSE points, including five at grade 5 or above.

Post 16 Pathway	Course Combinations
Academic (Competitive) 55 GCSE points (including five at grade 7 or above)	Four A levels and an optional academic enrichment qualification, such as an EPQ
Academic (Plus) 48 GCSE points (including five at grade 6 or above)	Three A levels and an optional academic enrichment qualification, such as an EPQ
Academic 30 GCSE points (including five at grade 5 or above)	Three A levels Some students may choose to compliment this with a vocational qualification

Vocational Pathway

Our minimum entry requirements start from 25 GCSE points, including five at grade 4 / Level 2 merit or above.

Post 16 Pathway	Course Combinations
25 GCSE points (including five at grade 4 / Level 2 merit or above)	Vocational courses to the equivalent of three A levels

Details of the minimum entry requirements for each course will be clearly published in the Sixth Form Prospectus. All those seeking admission to the Sixth Form must achieve the necessary grades for access onto the courses they have chosen.

- In the admission arrangements for Orchid Vale, the PAN for Reception 2025-26 has been amended to 45 from 60. This is due to the falling birth rate.

Changes we are consulting on in the Admission Arrangements for Highworth Warnford School:

What are the proposed changes?

Now that Highworth Warnford School have joined the Trust, we have constructed new Admission Arrangements for Highworth Warnford School so that they are in line with the admission arrangements for our other secondary schools in the Trust with the exception of the feeder schools due to the location of Highworth Warnford School.

For any further information about the Admissions Arrangements for the above academies, please contact the Admissions Committee using the details above.

Yours faithfully,



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