



Consultation on proposed Admission Arrangements for Sandhurst School for Year 7 in September 2027.

Introduction

Sandhurst School is an academy school. The Corvus Learning Trust is the admission authority for the school.

Consultations usually take place when admission authorities wish to make changes to their admission arrangements, or they have not been consulted on in the last 7 years.

The Corvus Learning Trust is consulting on the following changes to their admission arrangements:

Proposed changes to the oversubscription criteria:

- Adding Children Eligible for Service Premium

Why are we proposing these changes?

1. Upholding the Armed Forces Covenant

This is the **primary driver**. The Armed Forces Covenant is a commitment by the nation to ensure that those who serve, or who have served, and their families are treated fairly and are not disadvantaged in accessing public services, including education, due to their service.

Mitigating Disadvantage:

- Service children are highly mobile. Their families frequently move (in-year and overseas postings), leading to
- **disrupted education, gaps in learning, and difficulties in securing**
- **school places** outside of the main admissions round when schools may already be
- full.

The Admissions Code:

- The School Admissions Code in England allows (and strongly encourages) admission authorities to give priority to Service children eligible for the SPP in their oversubscription criteria. By adding this criterion, the institution is directly complying with
- the spirit and intent of national guidance on supporting military families.

2. Addressing Mobility and Transition

The mobility of Service families creates unique challenges that this criterion helps to solve.



Securing a Place in Advance:

- The new criterion helps ensure that Service children with a **confirmed**
- **posting** to the area can secure a school place
- **before the family arrives**,
- providing essential stability and reducing stress for the child and parents.

Mid-Year Admissions:

- Service children are far more likely to require an **in-year admission**
- (moving outside of the normal school transfer times). Prioritising them helps them get into a suitable school quickly, minimising the interruption to their studies.

How can you respond?

We would like to hear your views. Please send any comments regarding the admission arrangements to: consultation.education@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Please mark your email SANDHURST SCHOOL CONSULTATIONS

The consultation takes place between **24 November 2025 and 19 January 2026**

Copies of the proposed arrangements can be obtained on the school's websites:

<https://www.sandhurstschool.org.uk/>

What happens next?

After the consultation closes the responses will be collated and presented to the Corvus Trust, who will consider any comments and determine the arrangements.

The outcome will be published on the school's website by 15 March 2026.