4th November 2026

Dear Parent / Carer / Stakeholder,

Full Statutory Consultation om Frimley Church of England Junior School Admissions Arrangements for 2028/2029

In accordance with Department for Education requirements, we are writing to inform you that the Weydon Multi Academy Trust is proposing changes to Frimley Church of England Junior School's admissions arrangements for the academic year 2028/2029.

As part of our commitment to transparency and meaningful engagement, we are holding a full statutory consultation and would like to invite your views on any aspect of the proposed admission policy, as well as the proposed changes.

The consultation period runs for 6 weeks from Thursday 5th November 2026 - Noon on Friday 18th December 2026.

The proposed changes to the Frimley Church of England Junior School Admissions Policy 2028–2029 are as follows:

<u>Summary of Proposed Changes and Policy Clarifications</u>

Employing Trust Identity for Staff Priority

- 2027/28 Policy: Staff priority referred to employees of The Prospect Trust who were based at the school.
- 2028/29 Draft Policy: Updates the employing organisation to Weydon Multi Academy Trust (WMAT), with staff required to be employed at the school site.

This change brings the policy into line with the school's current governance and employment arrangements. By correctly identifying WMAT as the employing Trust, the revised wording clarifies which employees may qualify for staff priority, removes outdated references and supports the consistent application of the criterion.

Priority Order of Oversubscription Criteria

- 2027/28 Policy: Criterion 2 prioritised children with Exceptional Social or Medical Need, followed by Criterion 3, which prioritised Children of Staff.
- 2028/29 Draft Policy: The order is revised, with Children of Staff moving to Criterion 2 and Exceptional Circumstances moving to Criterion 3.

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By placing Children of Staff at Criterion 2, the revised policy reflects WMAT's recognition of the value of its staff and the important contribution they make to the school community. It acknowledges the commitment, dedication and expertise of staff and may help support recruitment and retention by providing greater clarity about the admissions priority available to eligible employees' children.

The revised order also demonstrates that WMAT values its workforce and recognises the benefits of attracting and retaining experienced, committed staff who contribute to the quality of education and the wider life of the school. Clearer staff priority arrangements may help strengthen staff confidence in the Trust as an employer and support its longer-term workforce planning.

Sibling Priority Requirements

- 2027/28 Policy: Full brothers and sisters could qualify for sibling priority whether they lived at the same address or not.
- 2028/29 Draft Policy: Removes this exception and requires children to live within the same family unit at the same address from Monday to Friday.
- New EHCP Provision (2028/29 Draft): Explicitly includes children who have a sibling with a final Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming Frimley Church of England Junior School.

This provides parents with a clearer understanding of eligibility and helps admissions staff apply the criterion more consistently. The explicit EHCP provision also makes the policy clearer for families in this situation and reduces uncertainty about how the criterion applies.

Home Address Definition for Shared Parental Care

- 2027/28 Policy: Defined the child's main address as the address where they resided for the majority of the time.
- 2028/29 Draft Policy: Defines the main address as the address where the child spends at least three nights per school week.

This change strengthens the policy by replacing a broad definition with a specific, measurable threshold. It makes the requirements clearer for parents and provides admissions staff with a more consistent basis for assessing applications where parents share care. This should reduce ambiguity, minimise disputes over which address applies and support more consistent decisions when allocating places.

Year 3 Waiting List Rules

- 2027/28 Policy: Waiting lists for all year groups were maintained and cancelled at the end of each academic year, without a separate rule for Year 3.
- 2028/29 Draft Policy: Priority for children attending Cross Farm and Sandringham Infant Schools continues until 31 December of the admission year. From 1 January, a new Year 3 waiting list operates without this priority.

This change clarifies when partner school priority ends and creates a fairer approach for In year applicants. From 1 January, all applicants will be ranked using the same published oversubscription criteria, so children are not disadvantaged solely because they attended a different infant school. This supports fairness, transparency and consistency, in line with the principles of the School Admissions Code.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Reference

- 2027/28 Policy: Made standard references to Surrey County Council.
- 2028/29 Draft Policy: Adds a clause stating that, from 1 April 2027, references to Surrey are to be interpreted as references to the relevant new unitary authority of West Surrey.

This change updates the policy to reflect anticipated local government reorganisation and helps ensure that references to the local authority remain clear and relevant. By explaining how references to Surrey should be interpreted following the change, the revised wording reduces the risk of confusion for parents and supports the continued accuracy and accessibility of the admissions policy.

We value your comments and feedback and encourage you to share your views on these proposals. The full draft admissions policy can be read on our school website at Frimley Junior School Website

Responses can be submitted via:

- Online form:Frimley CofE Feedback Form
- Email: FrimleyChurchofEnglandJuniorAdmissionsConsultation@wmat.org.uk
- Post: Frimley CofE Junior School Admissions Consultation, Weydon Multi Academy Trust, Weydon Lane, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 8UG

Please note that only responses which are fully completed, including the respondent's name and address, and received by the consultation end date will be accepted.

After the full statutory consultation period closes at noon on Friday 18th December 2026, all responses received by that date will be collated and presented to the Governing Board. The Board will then decide whether to proceed with the proposed arrangements. Once ratified by the WMAT Board of Trustees, the final determined admission arrangements will be published on our website.

Please ensure this information is shared widely, including on your website and circulated to your parent body via your newsletters.

Kind regards,

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