

CHT/KCR

December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Important Information Concerning the Admission Arrangements for Horizon Community College Notice of a statutory Admission Arrangement Consultation

In accordance with the 2021 School Admissions Code, notice is hereby given that the Academy Admissions Committee propose to alter the admission arrangements applying to Horizon Community College for the 2025/26 academic year.

A statutory admissions consultation will commence on the 21st December 2023 and will end at 4.00 pm on the 31st January 2024.

The proposed 2025/26 admission arrangements aim to reflect the statutory responsibilities of the admissions authority for the school and to embed local procedure that is fair and reasonable in practice.

The School is consulting, due to the points below and also to fulfil the legal requirement to consult every seven years:

- where residency is shared 50/50, we will now use where the child is registered at their GP to determine the address used for admission. This change is needed due to many families not being eligible for child benefit.
- an explanation on how the LA will handle parental disputes – the process is already in place; however, we have now included this in our admission arrangements for clarity due to the significant increase in disputes.
- a reduction in the Planned Admission Number from 400 to 390.

The school is also consulting on the oversubscription criteria to include:

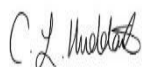
- The oversubscription criteria are applied when the number of applications exceeds the admission number for the school.

Children who have a statement of special educational needs or Education, Health and Care Plan which names the school are required to be admitted. On our school, priority will be given in the following order:

- looked after children and previously looked after children.
- staff members who have children of a school age.
- children who will have brothers or sisters in school at the time of admission.
- and then children living nearest to school (distance measured in a straight line).

The Academy Admissions Committee will meet shortly after the consultation closes, in order to consider any comments received during the consultation period and a response will be sent to all those who contributed. Please submit your consultation response to Mrs K Cooper via email: kcooper@horizoncc.co.uk

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Huddart -Principal