



4th November 2024

**Admissions Consultation on proposed changes to Lionheart Educational Trust
Broom Leys Primary School**

**Admission Arrangements for the 2026-2027 school year.
Period of Consultation: Monday 4th November 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024**

As part of Lionheart Educational Trust, from Monday 4th November until Friday 20th December 2024 Broom Leys Primary School will be consulting on proposed changes to their 2026-2027 admission arrangements. All schools/academies/colleges must have admission arrangements that clearly set out how children will be admitted, including information about what happens if there are more applications than places available (oversubscription criteria). The criteria must be reasonable, clear, objective, and procedurally fair and comply with all relevant legislation, including equalities legislation. It is for the admissions authority (Lionheart Educational Trust) to decide which criteria are most suitable for the school/academy according to local circumstances.

The Proposed Changes:

Broom Leys Primary School are consulting on changing their oversubscription criteria, outlined in appendix 1, and inline with the code of admissions.

All material changes are outlined in appendix 1.

Other changes to detail and wording have been made throughout the Policy, however these do not affect the admission process or the rights of those applying to the school.

Consultation Information:

Full details of Lionheart Educational Trust admissions consultation including proposals:

<https://www.lionhearttrust.org.uk/news-events/news/admissions-consultation-4th-of-nov-20th-dec-2024>

All consultation information (hard copy) is also available upon request from any school/academy/college, or the Trust.

Who are we consulting with?

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires that all admission authorities undertake a statutory consultation to seek the views and comments of parents/carers, other admission authorities, schools in the relevant area, Leicester City and County Council including neighbouring local authorities and anyone else who may be affected by the proposed changes. The consultation will run for 6 weeks commencing on Monday 4th November and closing on Friday 20th December 2024 at 4pm. A copy of the School Admissions Code 2021 can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1001050/School_admissions_code_2021.pdf



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How can you respond to the consultation?

You can respond to this consultation before the closing date on Friday 20th December 2024
by email:

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Or by post:

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What Happens next?

After the consultation period has closed Lionheart Educational Trust (as the admissions authority) will consider the responses received. The Trust will then determine final admission arrangements for 2026-2027. Following determination, the arrangements will be published on the school's website.

Yours sincerely

Lauren Hackett
Head of Governance and Compliance



Appendix 1

Broom Leys Primary School

November 24 proposed changes for consultation

| November 24 proposed | Previous Policy version | What do the changes mean |
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| <p>Oversubscription criteria</p> <p>The academy trust will admit any pupil with an Education, Health and Care plan which names the school. Priority will then be given to children who meet the criteria set out below, in order.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Looked after children and previously looked after children 2. Siblings of pupils attending the school at the time the application is received. 3. Children who live in the catchment area at the time of application and admission. The catchment map can be found under admissions on the relevant school website. 4. Children living closest to the school. Pupils living nearest to the school measured in a straight-line | <p>Oversubscription criteria</p> <p>The following criteria will be used to allocate places (in the order listed below). Where there are more applications than places or there is a tie, distance will be used to determine which application should be offered the place, if they still have identical ranking then lots will be drawn:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. ‘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). Further references to previously looked after children means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society. • Children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 and children who were adopted under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criterion 1 remains the same. • Criterion 2 remains the same. • Criterion 3 remains the same. • Criterion 4 Did not apply to Broom Leys • Criterion 5 of the current oversubscription will no longer be used. • Criterion 6 of the current oversubscription will no longer be used. • Criterion 7 of the current oversubscription criteria is now proposed as criteria 4. |



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| <p>distance (home to school front gate).</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child arrangements orders are defined in section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians). <p>2. Children with a sibling attending the Trust academy at the time of application. The term sibling relates to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• brothers and/or sisters who share the same parent(s)• a half-brother, half-sister or legally adopted child living at the same address• a child looked after by a local authority placed in a foster family with other school age children• a stepchild or children who are not related but live as a family unit, where parents both live at the same address as the child. <p>3. Children living permanently in the Trust's catchment area. A map is available at the end of this policy.</p> <p>4. Children currently attending a feeder primary school. The designated feeder schools and joint feeder schools</p> <p>5. Children starting at a primary school with a sibling attending at the same time in the feeder secondary school. The term sibling relates to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• brothers and/or sisters who share the same parent(s)• a half-brother, half-sister or legally adopted child living at the same address• a child looked after by a local authority placed in a foster family with other school age children• a stepchild or children who are not related but live as a family unit, where parents both live at the same address as the child. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Criterion 8 of the current oversubscription will no longer be used. |
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| | <p>6. Children of staff at the academies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• where the 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. <p>7. Children who live nearest to Trust academy that they are applying to ‘as the crow flies’. Measurement of distance of up to three decimal places will be in a straight line from the centre point of the home property to the school’s main designated front gate, using a computerised geo-coded mapping system.</p> <p>8. Where a child lives for part of the week with one parent and for part of the week with the other parent, the address recognised by the Academy for the purposes of an application for a school place is the one where the child lives that is the address where the child permanently spends at least three ‘school’ nights (that is, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) will be taken to be the place of residence.</p> <p>Where the weekly residence arrangement varies, and a child stays with both parents, on average, for the same amount of time during the school week over a four-week period, and one parent lives in another school catchment, the parents will be required to choose one address for the purposes completing a school application. If those with parental responsibility are unable to agree on the preferences, it may be necessary for parents to obtain further legal advice. Leicestershire County Council on behalf of the academy will continue to process an application unless legal documentation is provided that states an application cannot be processed or a pending court hearing. In cases where multiple applications are received for the same child, LCC on behalf of the academy will establish where the child lives for the majority of the time. Where parents cannot agree a single address, parents will be required to seek a Court Order to determine which address is to be used. Where any claimed residence arrangement is</p> | |
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| | found to be false, and the child is yet to start at the allocated school, the place will be withdrawn as it will be considered obtaining the school place on fraudulent and / or misleading grounds. In such circumstances the application will be considered afresh and determined at that time based on the correct | |
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