

4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## Admissions Consultation on proposed changes to The Two Counties Trust Admission Arrangements for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Period of Consultation: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

As part of Two Counties Trust, from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 the below schools/academies will be consulting on proposed changes to 2021-2022 admission arrangements. All schools/academies 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 (The Two Counties Trust) to decide which criteria are most suitable for the school/academy according to local circumstances.

### The Proposed Changes:

1. All schools/academies in The Two Counties Trust (TTCT) are going out to consultation on standardising their admission policy but not changing criteria arrangements as set out. For example, most of the text and definitions used in the admission policy across The Two Counties Trust will be identical (i.e. no other changes to their admission arrangements from last year). However each school/academy will continue to have its own individual oversubscription.
2. **Frederick Gent School** proposes to reduce their Published Admission Number from 203 to 180. It is the intention to reduce the PAN to bring it into line with the local context of prior admission numbers to the school and projected primary school numbers going forward.
3. **Manor Academy** proposes to change the criteria for prioritising admissions

Current criteria for prioritising admissions:

- Looked after children or children who have previously been looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
- Children who live in the catchment area at the closing date for applications and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the school.
- Other children who live in the catchment area at the closing date for applications.



Ashfield School



Selston High School



Manor Academy



Friesland School



Wilsthorpe School

- Children who live outside the catchment area, but who are attending a linked primary phase school (see list at the end, point 7) on the closing date for secondary applications and who will have a brother or sister at Manor Academy at the time of admission.
- Children who live outside the catchment area and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister at Manor Academy.
- Children who live outside the catchment area but who are attending a linked primary schools in the Manor family of schools on the closing date for secondary applications.
- Other children who live outside the catchment area.

### **Proposed criteria for prioritising admissions:**

- Looked after children or children who have previously been looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
- Children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
  - a. 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
  - b. the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage
- Children who live in the catchment area at the closing date for applications and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister attending the school.
- Children who live outside the catchment area, but who are attending a linked primary phase school (see list at the end, point 7) on the closing date for secondary applications and who will have a brother or sister at Manor Academy at the time of admission.
- Children who live outside the catchment area but who are attending a linked primary schools in the Manor family of schools on the closing date for secondary applications.
- Children who live outside the catchment area and who, at the time of admission, will have a brother or sister at Manor Academy
- Other children who live in the catchment area at the closing date for applications.
- Other children who live outside the catchment area.

**These are the only proposed changes.**

### **Consultation Information:**



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Full details of The Two Counties Trust admissions consultation including proposed admission arrangements for 2021-22 can be found on the website:

<http://www.twocountiestrust.co.uk/>

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

Who are we consulting with?

The School Admissions Code 2014 requires that all admission authorities undertake a statutory consultation to seek the views and comments of parents/carers, other admission authorities, Primary and Junior schools in the relevant area, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire County Council including neighbouring local authorities and anyone else who may be affected by the proposed changes.

The consultation will run for 7 weeks commencing on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and closing on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 4pm. A copy of the School Admissions Code 2014 can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code--2>

How can you respond to the consultation?

You can respond to this consultation before the closing date on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019** in one of the following ways, submit a response form and:

- Take the completed response form to one of the schools/academies or
- Email [\*\*sam.hollingsworth@twocountiestrust.co.uk\*\*](mailto:sam.hollingsworth@twocountiestrust.co.uk)

Writing to:

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What Happens next?

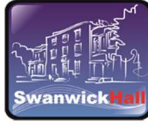
After the consultation period has closed The Two Counties Trust (as the admissions authority) will give consideration to the responses received. The Trust will then determine final admission arrangements for 2021-2022. Following determination, the arrangements will be published on the schools/academy's website.



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