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To all interested parties

Consultation on proposed changes to The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust's Admissions Policy

The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust is reviewing its schools' admissions arrangements for the year 2024-25. The arrangements have been updated to reflect the new schools which have joined our Trust (Bishop Bronescombe, Grampound Road, Grampound with Creed, Ladock, St Michael's and Veryan C of E Schools), with an amendment to the oversubscription criteria for these schools (see point 6) and a reduction in the pupil admission number for three of the schools (see points 1, 2 and 3). There are also changes to the oversubscription criteria for our existing schools (Penponds, St Ives Infant, St Meriadoc CE Infant, St Meriadoc CE Junior and Troon Community Schools - see points 4 and 5).

There are six changes proposed in our 2024-25 admissions arrangements, which are:

- 1) A reduction in the pupil admission number (PAN) for children joining the reception year at Grampound Road C of E School (TR2 4DY). We are proposing a reduction from 21 to 20.
- 2) A reduction in the pupil admission number (PAN) for children joining the reception year at Ladock C of E School (TR2 4PL). We are proposing a reduction from 17 to 15.
- 3) A reduction in the pupil admission number (PAN) for children joining the reception year at Veryan C of E School (TR2 5QA). We are proposing a reduction from 14 to 12.
- 4) An amendment to the oversubscription criteria for children with siblings attending the academy at the proposed time of admission and 'who live within the designated area of the academy'.
- 5) An addition to the oversubscription criteria for children 'who live outside the designated area of the school, as defined by the Local Authority, with a sibling who will be attending the school at the time of the intended admission'.
- 6) Removal of the optional oversubscription criteria 'children with an unequivocal professional recommendation from a Doctor, a Medical Officer, Educational Psychologist or Education Welfare Officer' to align with the Trust's arrangements.

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We are consulting on the proposal of decreasing the PAN at Grampound Road C of E School (TR2 4DY) from 21 to 20, decreasing the PAN at Ladock C of E School (TR2 4PL) from 17 to 15 and decreasing the PAN at Veryan C of E School (TR2 5QA) from 14 to 12. We have considered a range of factors such as the ability to offer a sufficient number of places for reception pupils. Based on the average yearly intake of pupils into the reception year for each school, we do not believe this will have an adverse effect on future applications for places.

Through reducing the PAN for these schools, we aim to maintain a provision that facilitates the very best learning environment and educational outcomes for our pupils.

We are also consulting on the proposal of amending the oversubscription criteria for children with siblings attending the academy at the proposed time of admission *and who live within the designated area of the academy*, and an addition to the oversubscription criteria for children *who live outside the designated area of the school, as defined by the Local Authority, with a sibling who will be attending the school at the time of the intended admission*. This will ensure children living within the designated area with siblings at the academy will be ranked higher than those living within the designated area without siblings, and children living outside the designated area with siblings at the academy will be ranked higher than those living outside the designated area without siblings.

The proposed arrangements with the changes highlighted are in the attached draft admissions policy, and the information can also be found on the Trust website [here](#). We openly invite comments from all stakeholders on these proposed admission arrangements in accordance with the School Admissions Code. The six week consultation period begins on Thursday 15 December 2022 and will end on Thursday 26 January 2023.

You can submit your comments by emailing info@rainbowacademy.org.uk or writing to the Governance Lead at First Floor Offices, Unit 2, Marlin House, Agar Way, Pool Industrial Estate, Redruth, Cornwall, TR15 3SF. Please use the reference 'Consultation Admission Arrangements 24-25' as your subject heading. Comments are invited by the close of the school day on 26 January 2023. We will, in due course, provide feedback on this consultation. If no feedback is provided, please assume that no objections have been brought to our attention.

If you have any queries about the policy amendments, or the process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully



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