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## **Whiteknights Primary School Admissions Policy: Report of consultation**

### **Introduction**

This is a report summarising the statutory consultation under the S.142 of the Schools Admission Code, requiring “all admissions authorities must consult on their admissions arrangements that will apply for admission applications [in] the following school year.”

The trustees of Bellevue Place Education Trust (BPET) - of which Whiteknights Primary Schools is part of - as the Admissions Authority, have proposed two changes to the Whiteknights Primary School Admissions Policy for the 2024-25 academic year and onwards, as per below:

- (1) **Remove the criteria** “Families who have exceptional medical or social needs as the grounds for their child’s admission to a particular school” because it is very rarely used, and we do feel a child’s local school often best meets their medical needs; pupils who apply should be in a catchment of the school as we have no specialist facilities.
  
- (2) **Amend the notes of the criteria** “Children of staff at the school. Children of staff in either following circumstance: “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 is still employed at the date of admission” *rather than* “where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application.”

The reasoning for these changes can be found in the consultation letters and papers.

### **Method**

The consultation ran from 5 December 2022 until 31 January 2023 and this report sets out the responses to the consultation. The consultation was advertised on both the Bellevue Place Education Trust website [www.bpet.co.uk](http://www.bpet.co.uk), Whiteknights Primary School website [www.whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk](http://www.whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk) and was for the attention of:

- Parents/carers of children currently at the school
- School staff and School Local Advisory Board (LAB)
- Pre-school and primary school providers within 1.5mile radius of Whiteknights Primary School (18)
- Wokingham Borough Local Authority and its neighbouring Local Authority.

All the above stakeholders were communicated to directly via email, in order to ensure effectiveness of exposure to the consultation. Comments, either in support or against the proposal, were emailed to [Admissions@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:Admissions@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk)

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### Result and comments

The following stakeholders responded as per below:

- **Parents of children currently at the school**
  - No responses were received.
- **School staff**
  - No responses were received
- **Pre-school providers within a 1.5 mile radius**
  - 18 nurseries in the local area, with no comments received
- **Wokingham Local Authority, and neighbouring local authority**
  - 1 key contact within Wokingham Local Authority acknowledged the Consultation Document and shared it with the neighbouring Local Authority of Reading. No further comments were made.

### Conclusion

The results of this consultation will be sent to the trustees of Bellevue Place Education Trust, who will take the responses into account whilst considering the proposed amends for approval.