

Admissions Consultation- December 2024

Bohunt Farnborough as a member academy of Bohunt Education Trust, can now determine its own admissions criteria. When a School wants to make some changes to certain processes in the Admissions Policy, the School must consult with parents, other schools, and any other interested person.

The School wishes to make some amendments to the criteria by which admissions offers are made in cases where there are more applicants for school places than places available. These changes are proposed to take effect for admission in September 2026 (applications to be made Autumn 2025).

Schools are always required to make changes to their Admissions policies without consultation where these are required by changes in the law or decisions from the admissions appeals process. The new proposed policy does update some relevant changes as a result but these are not part of the consultation process and apply to all Schools nationally.

There is no change to how parents apply for places at the School (by applying to Hampshire County Council) by 31 October 2025 for 26/26 Year 7 admission. However, parents can now apply for in year transfers (for any application outside of the Year 6/7 main admission round) directly to the School.

This consultation seeks views from consultees on the 2026/27 Admissions Policy.

The substantive changes are around how the School decides to offer places to students **only where there are more applicants than places available**. These are as follows:

- There is no change to the first three priorities:
 - o first priority looked after/previously looked after children;
 - o second priority exceptional social/ medical needs (with evidence as set out in policy) and
 - o third priority children of staff (in skills shortages OR with at least 2 years' service)
- the fourth priority will become all siblings of children already on roll at the School, regardless of where the sibling lives (but they must live in the same household) (currently, priority is given only to siblings of children already on roll who live in catchment after the first three categories)

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- the fifth priority will become children in catchment who attend a linked school, namely:
 - All Saints Junior School
 - Cove Junior School
 - Elvetham Heath Junior School
 - Grange Community Junior School
 - Guillemont Junior School
 - Hawley Primary School
 - South Farnborough Junior School
 - St Bernadettes Primary School
 - St Peters C of E Junior School
 - The Ferns Primary Academy
 - Tower Hill Primary School
 - Velmead Junior School
- sixth priority will become all other children in catchment (currently sibling of children on roll but who live outside of catchment)
- seventh priority will become all children living out of catchment who, in order of priority, attend a linked school (no change to current priority); then who are eligible for the Service Premium (this is a new priority) and then all other children.

The rationale for these changes is that we consider, as a school, it is important to keep families together as this enables us to build strong home school relationships over time, and allows us and our families to feel part of a stronger community. Its therefore important to us that families with siblings can all attend the same school, where this is the choice of parents. Where we are linked to a primary School, this further strengthens our mutual commitment to the whole community we serve with our primary schools, community and enables primary Schools to benefit from a formal link in all areas of school activity, again allowing families with children at different phase of education to stay closer together. For the same reason we will prioritise children who live in our catchment to enable a sense of overall community. We have a tradition of armed service in families who live outside of catchment but who wish to send their children to our School, and we wish to recognise the needs of such children that we know we can effectively support through the introduction of a new priority in priority 7.

At present, we do not anticipate any child who wishes to join the school being disadvantaged by any change in the over subscription criteria set out above.

There are no changes to the catchment area.

There are no other changes between the school's current and proposed Admissions Policy.

The consultation will close on 30 January 2025

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Full details can be found on the school website www.Bohutfarnborough.com

Consultees are therefore asked to comment on and answer the following questions on the Admissions Consultation feedback form. Please see the link [here](#).

Responses should be returned via the google form to Mrs Cindy Reynolds, Heads PA or via email on creynolds@bohutfarnborough.com by 30 January 2025.

Yours sincerely



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