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## Tudor Grange Academy Worcester Decision notice

## Consultation on proposed new admission arrangements for the 2025-2026 intake

A public consultation on the admission arrangements for 2025-2026 ran from 18th December 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, according to the requirements of the <u>Schools Admissions Code</u> (2021).

Changes were proposed to the existing admission arrangements as follows:

- We have added a new oversubscription category for children with an exceptional medical and/or social need, the wording has been made clearer and tightened up, and we are proposing to adopt a new Supplementary Information Form that parents must submit for inclusion in this high priority category. This is consistent with all other academies within the Trust.
- We have added a new oversubscription category to include children of staff who were recruited to
  fill a vacant post at the Academy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. We have included
  information to confirm what is meant by a 'staff member', and a 'child of a staff member', including
  where they must be based and where the child must live, which is mandatory information under
  the Code.
- We have added a specific PAN number of external students applying for places in year 12. We have not previously published this and is therefore a material change that requires consultation and needs to be included here. This does not affect places for current year 11 students.

A committee of trustees met on 8 February 2024 to consider the responses received in the public consultation and determine the admission arrangements for 2025-2026. 6 responses from stakeholders were received and trustees carefully considered these responses. Responses were all supportive of the changes proposed. Trustees felt that the changes proposed were fair. Trustees were mindful of the current challenges faced when recruiting in education, but were also aware of their duty as trustees, to ensure that schools within Tudor Grange Academies Trust remained schools which focused on serving their communities. Trustees decided to proceed with the oversubscription criterion for children of members of staff (paragraph 16.6) as consulted upon, as catchment children would remain a higher priority.

There were some minor changes to wording

- in paragraph 16.2 (Children with an exceptional medical and/or social need to attend Tudor Grange Academy Worcester) to clarify the decision maker.
- In paragraph 16.6 (Children of staff at Tudor Grange Academy Worcester recruited to a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage), clarification of eligibility;



Subject to this amendment, **Trustees determined the admission arrangements for 2025-2026** incorporating the consultation changes as proposed.

Dr W P Rock Chairman of the Board of Trustees Tudor Grange Academies Trust

