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Dear Sir/Madam

Wren Academy Finchley: Consultation on Admissions Arrangements 2021 - 2022

The Directors of Wren Academies Trust wish to consult on amending the Primary Phase Admissions Policy for the academic year commencing September 2022. The consultation will run from Friday 1 November 2019 – Friday 13 December 2019.

The published admissions number (PAN) will remain unchanged at 60. The Directors are consulting on plans to clarify the criteria for students or their parents/carers with an exceptional medical need which are not included in an Educational, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

The oversubscription criteria is therefore proposed as follows:

- Looked after children and children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order, or special guardianship order.
- Priority will next be given to children based on their exceptional medical need or those of their parents/carers. Each application must include: recent written evidence, from a medical consultant responsible for the treatment of the child's or their parent's/carer's need which evidences and fully explains the medical need in question; why they must attend this school rather than any other as a result of the medical need in question which could not potentially be met by one or more other schools in the borough if the child were to attend another such school; and the application is supported by a written explanation of the difficulties that the child would suffer if he or she did not attend Wren Academy in particular. If evidence is not submitted to the LA with the application, a child's or their parent's/carer's medical needs cannot be considered. The Governors will retain an absolute discretion whether to allow any particular application under this criteria and will be entitled to take any factors which they consider appropriate into consideration including whether the school has the facilities and resources at the relevant time to accept the child and the impact of the admission on other students.
- Priority will next be given to the siblings of pupils attending the school at the time the application is received. Where an older sibling is in Year 13, siblings will not be prioritised under this criterion.
- Priority will next be given to the children of staff members who have been employed on a permanent contract for a period of two years or more at the time at which the application is made.
- The remaining places will be allocated equally between Foundation and Community applicants as follows:
 - a. Faith places (up to a maximum of 30) allocated in the following order:
 - Up to 18 places for Church of England applicants
 - Up to 12 places for applicants from other Christian Churches.
 - b. Community Places (up to a maximum of 30) for all other children.
- Where there are places available in the categories above, these will be filled from the other category.

We would be pleased to receive any comments on this amendment. The full Admissions Policy can be found on the Academy website if you wish to refer to this.

Please address comments to Daniela Divaira, Primary Phase Admissions Officer, at the school address, or by email to daniela.divaira@wrenacademy.org. You can also reply by phone on 020 8492 6000.

Please ensure that any comments are made by 13 December 2019 so that Directors can determine the admissions arrangements for September 2021 within statutory timelines.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Archer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kim Archer
Chair
Wren Academies Trust