

18th December 2024

Admissions Consultation – September 2026 Admissions

Dear Stakeholder,

Swale Academies Trust and the Governors of Parkland Junior School (The Parkland Federation) would like to consult on its Admissions Policy for September 2026.

The purpose of this consultation is so that we, as a school, comply with the DfE School Admissions Code and consult with our local and wider community when there are proposed changes. The consultation has been set to ensure a minimum of six weeks and is timed to allow for full consideration of all comments made during the consultation window.

Period of consultation: 18th December to 31st January 2025

In the event of Parkland Junior School being oversubscribed, the following criteria for admission priorities are being proposed for the academic year 2026-2027:

1. Looked after children and children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following being looked after.
2. Children who will have a brother or sister at either the infant or junior school at the time of admission.
3. Children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances: a) When the member of staff has been employed at the school for at least one or more years at the time at which the application for the school is made, and/or; b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage
4. Medical / Health and Special Access Reasons: Medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act

2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend Parkland.

5. Other children living within a predefined community area.
6. All other children.

A copy of our proposed Admission Policy for September 2026, which includes our proposed oversubscription criteria, is attached to this letter.

How to Respond to the Consultation:

The Board of Trustees would welcome comments and questions during this period of consultation on any aspect of the proposed changes to arrangements.

Responses can be sent:

via email to: dawn.berhane@swale.at

or via post to: Dawn Berhane, The Parkland Federation, Brassey Avenue, Eastbourne. East Sussex BN22 9QJ

We invite responses from all those within the Parkland community, as well as prospective parents, key stakeholders and the local community. All responses will be considered prior to the Determination of the Admission Criteria.

The final admissions arrangements will be published on the school's website by 15th March 2025, in line with statutory guidelines

Yours sincerely,

Sally Simpson (Headteacher)