



Consultation notice on the proposed Admission Arrangements for 2019/20

The Governing Body recognises the importance of the commitment of the staff and of supporting their work/life balance. In a time where it is increasingly difficult to recruit and retain staff we are proposing a change to our admissions policy to enable children of staff members to join Albemarle School from September 2019.

As a Foundation School, Albemarle is its own Admissions Authority. Many own admission authority schools use this criterion. We envisage that this change would impact a small number of school places.

The new criterion would apply to all those working at the school if, in accordance with the School's Admission Code, they have been employed at Albemarle for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission is made.

All other aspects of the current arrangements would remain the same. If this change is implemented the admissions criteria will be:

- i) Children with an Education Health and Care Plan/ Statement of SEN which names the school
- ii) Children looked after and those who ceased to be children looked after because they were adopted, or because they became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order
- iii) Brothers and sisters of children on the roll of the school on the date of admission
- iv) Children of staff employed at Albemarle
- v) Children in order of straight line distance from home to school as measured by Wandsworth Council's Geographical Information System.

We set our admission arrangements annually and we must publicly consult if we propose any changes, apart from changing the number of places. Consultation must take place between 1st October and 31st January of the year before the arrangements apply. The current consultation is open from 8th December 2017 to 19th January 2018. Governors will meet before 28th February 2018 to consider all responses and to determine the admission arrangements. The new arrangements, if adopted, will affect those applying for place to start school in September 2019.

If you have any comments on these proposals, please write during the consultation period either by post to Jackie Nolan, School Business Manager, Albemarle Primary School, Princes Way, London, SW19 6JP or by email to jnolan@albemarle.wandsworth.sch.uk