

4 November 2024

To whom it may concern,

Consultation on admission arrangements for St James' CofE Junior School for the year 2026/2027

Prior to joining the Diocese of Gloucester Academies Trust (DGAT), the governing board of St James' CofE Junior School had responsibility for determining the school's admissions arrangements. On joining DGAT this responsibility transferred to the Trust Board. Acting in its role as admission authority of the school the Trust Board now requires the school to adopt the Trust's admissions policy. The Trust Board is currently determining proposed admission arrangements for admissions to the school in September 2026. As determined by the School Admissions Code, the Trust is required to consult on these arrangements and invites comments on the proposed changes.

A copy of the proposed admissions policy is available on St James' CofE Junior School and the [DGAT website](#) for your information.

Alternatively, if you require a hard copy of the policy please contact Nicki Wadley, the Trust's Head of Governance and People directly at contactus@cen.dgat.org.uk with Admissions Policy Request as the email title.

Proposed changes being consulted on

1. To include a staff criterion in the admissions policy over-subscription criteria. This change is intended to support the recruitment and retention of staff within the school and wider Trust and to bring equity for all staff employed by the Trust. As a single employer, the Trust Board considers it important to have equity for all staff employed within our family of schools.
2. All DGAT schools to use the GCC computerised distance measuring tool where distance is applied in the over-subscription criteria.

If you wish to comment on the proposed admissions arrangements, please send your response in writing for the attention of Nicki Wadley, Head of Governance and People either by post to; No. 3 College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LR or by email to nwadley@cen.dgat.org.uk – please add 'Admissions

consultation comment' to the email subject header. Comments should be received by no later than 9am on Monday 16 December 2024.

Yours sincerely



Nicki Wadley
Head of Governance and People