

Consultation on Admission Arrangements for Connect Education Trust for 2025/2026

Why are we consulting?

Academies are their own admission authority and must meet all mandatory provisions of the School Admission Codes 2014 that came in to force in December 2014 except where variations have been written in to their funding agreement to support fair access.

We consult on our admission arrangements to ensure transparency and openness on the contents of our arrangements and to allow parents, carers and other stakeholders who might not previously been interested in admission arrangements (perhaps because they didn't have a child of school age) to make a representation that can then be considered as part of the determination of the arrangements.

The school admissions codes states that when changes are proposed to admission arrangements, all admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements (including any supplementary information) that will apply for admission applications the following school year. Where the admission arrangements have not changed from the previous year there is no requirement to consult, subject to the requirement that admission arrangements at least once every 7 years, even if there have been no changes during that period.

Consultation must last for a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1 October and 31 January in the determination year.

Connect schools are not proposing to make changes to their current admission arrangements and are consulting for their current admission arrangements to continue.

Current Admission Criteria for the Connect Education Trust Schools

After the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan or Statement of Special Education Needs, the following criteria are used to decide which children should be offered places when there are more children wanting to go to a school than there are places available.

- a) Children in public care (looked after children) and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted or subject to residence orders or special guardianship orders immediately following having been looked after.
- b) Children for whom a particular school is appropriate on exceptional medical grounds. Such applications will be considered under this criterion only if they are supported by an attached written statement from a doctor. This must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between the child's medical need and the school requested;
- c) Children with a brother or sister who will be attending the school at the time of proposed admission. The children concerned must be living at the same address;

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d) Children whose parent is a member of staff who has been employed at the school concerned for two or more years at the time of application and/ or children of a member of staff who has been recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;

e) Children living nearest to the school measured as the crow flies, that is, in a straight line from the child's home to the main entrance of the school. These calculations are done by the LA admissions service according to a standard formula. (Travel by private car or public transport is not considered).

Who are we consulting with?

During this statutory consultation we want to consult with as many stakeholders as possible.

Timetable for the Consultation Period

10 th November 2023	22 nd December 2023	8 th January 2024
Consultation period begins	Consultation period ends	Board of Trustees consider and make final decision

When would the changes come into effect?

If approved, the arrangements would be introduced for September 2025 entry onwards.

Have your say

Please let us know your thoughts by 22nd December 2023 either by:

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