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Re: Consultation on Changes to Priory Junior School's Admissions Policy for September 2027 Entry

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Community,

The Local Authority (LA) are proposing to change the oversubscription criteria in our school's admissions policy. These changes will apply to school applications for September 2027 entry onwards.

What is changing?

Following the formal reduction in Published Admission Number from 90 to 60 at both Priory Park Infant School and Priory Junior School which came into effect in September 2025, the LA are proposing to update our oversubscription criteria to reflect the prioritisation of children transferring from Priory Park Infant School. This change ensures that children already attending the infant school are not disadvantaged when transitioning to Priory Junior School, even if the year group is oversubscribed, which was agreed as part of the PAN reduction.

Summary of Proposed Changes

- Children attending Priory Park Infant School will be given higher priority in the oversubscription criteria.
- Sibling and catchment status will still be considered but will follow infant school attendance in priority.
- The revised criteria aim to ensure fairness and continuity for families within our school community.

Proposed Oversubscription Criteria (2027 Admissions)

Children who have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that names the school will be admitted. NB. Those children with an EHCP that does not name the school will be referred to the Statutory Assessment Team (SAT) to determine an appropriate place.

1. Children in Care (CIC) and children who were previously in care but ceased to be so by reason of adoption, a residence order (now known as a child arrangement order), or special guardianship order. Children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.



2. Children who attend Priory Park Infant School.
3. Children who live in the catchment area and have a sibling at either Priory Junior School or Priory Park Infant School at the time of admission.
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6. Children of members of staff, provided they have been employed for a minimum of two years and/or are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage.
7. Children who live outside the catchment area and live nearest to the school, as measured by a straight line.

Where can I share my comments?

The consultation will run from 13th October 2025 to 1st December 2025 and the document can be found on this website <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/annual-consultation-and-determined-admissions-arrangements> . You are invited to view the full draft policy and send any comments by email to admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk with the subject line "Admissions Consultation – Priory Junior School."

All responses will be considered by the LA before finalising the policy, which will be published by 28th February 2026.

If you have concerns about the final policy once published, you may raise them with the Schools Adjudicator by 15th May 2026. More information is available at www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-of-the-schools-adjudicator.

Yours sincerely,

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