

Dear Parent/Carer

Consultation on admission arrangements for 2026/2027 – Peacehaven Community School

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on Peacehaven Community Schools admission policy.

The consultation period will run from Monday, November 11th 2024 until Monday, December 23rd 2024; during this time, parents are invited to express their views and any concerns about admission arrangements at Peacehaven Community School.

In accordance with the DfE's 2021 statutory 'School Admissions Code' guidance, as a school we must consult on our admission arrangements when changes are proposed, and at least once every seven years.

Peacehaven Community School is proposing changes to its admission arrangements.

The following amendments to our admission arrangements have been proposed:

The oversubscription criteria to be set as:

If there are more applications than places available at the school, the criteria below will be used to determine which children are offered the available spaces, and will be applied in the following order of priority:

- 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 live in the community area and are siblings** of students who attend the school, and will still be attending when the child starts.**
- 3) Children who live in the community area**
- 4) Children who live outside the community area and are siblings** of students who attend the school, and will still be attending when the child starts.**
- 5) Children living outside the community area**

*A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services function at the time of making an application to a school (see section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). Children accommodated under section 20 of the Children Act 1989 are included in this priority. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a Child Arrangements Order or special guardianship order. This may include children previously in state care outside the UK

**Children are “siblings” if they are full, step, half, adopted or fostered brothers or sisters living permanently at the same address. The school reserves the right to ask for proof of relationship such as a birth certificate and proof of residence

The Tiebreaker to be set as:

If there are more applicants who qualify under an oversubscription criterion than places available, place allocation will be decided on the basis of home to school distance, measured in a straight line. This will be measured from the address point in the school (supplied by Ordnance Survey) to the address point in the family home. Distances will be measured on behalf of the Local Governing Body by East Sussex County Council, using the Geographical Information System (GIS).

If applicants cannot be prioritised by distance, i.e. the distance from the home to the school is equal for multiple applicants, this will be resolved by random allocation. This process will be independently verified.

The proposal also includes updates to the wording of the policy and layout to ensure clarity of the process for parents/carers whilst maintaining compliance with the admissions code.

A full version of the proposed changes to the admission arrangements, as well as the rationale behind them, is available to view on the school website or in hard form from the Admissions Team at the school

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party at Peacehaven Community School, we are keen to hear your views on the proposed admission arrangements. Therefore, we invite you to participate in the consultation if you are in support or if you have any concerns regarding the matter.

All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before 3pm on Monday, December 23rd 2024 using either this form or by emailing pcs-admissions@swale.at. Please label the email's subject as “Admissions Consultation”.

[PCS Admissions consultation for 2026/27](#)

Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address, and relationship to the school.

At the end of the consultation period, the Local Governing Body will meet to consider responses. The outcome of the consultation will be published on the school website as soon as possible following a decision being reached by the Local Governing Body. Hard copies of the final report will be made available on request to all respondents of the consultation.

For further information regarding the consultation process, please refer to our proposal document, copies of which can be located on the school website or in hard copy from reception at Peacehaven Community School. If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact pcs-enquiries@swale.at

Yours faithfully



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