



Tudor Grange Academy Redditch

## Admissions Consultation Policy for September 2021

**Tudor Grange Academy Redditch is seeking your view on the following proposal:**

*Tudor Grange Academy Redditch will maintain nominal Secondary School status, maintaining Pupil Admission Number (PAN) of 180 students in Years 9,10,11 and 220 in the Sixth Form but set a pupil admission number (PAN) of zero for years 7 and 8 within the mainstream provision. Admission for years 7 and 8 would be only to the specialist autism base through an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP).*

### **Timeline**

The consultation period begins on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November** until **10<sup>th</sup> January 2020** allowing a six- week period. The determined admissions arrangements will be published on the Academy website by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020. This policy will operate from September 2021. It will apply to all admissions into the school for the academic year (September 2021-22) and for subsequent years until further notice.

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Tudor Grange Academy Redditch will maintain nominal Secondary School status, maintaining Pupil Admission Number (PAN) of 180 students in Years 9,10,11 and 220 in the Sixth Form but set a pupil admission number (PAN) of zero for years 7 and 8 within the mainstream provision. Admission for years 7 and 8 would be only to the specialist autism base through an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP).
- 1.2. This document sets out the admission arrangements for The Tudor Grange Academy Redditch, and should be read in conjunction with Worcestershire County Council's Information for Parents Book on Admissions and Transfers to Schools, which is available to view online at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions). The Information for Parents book contains full details on the application and allocation process, including the oversubscription admission criteria for each school. Parents/carers are advised to read the book prior to making an application.
- 1.3. The Tudor Grange Academy Redditch is a mixed comprehensive with the capacity for 1100 students serving an area of North West Worcestershire. The Academy will endeavour to provide places for children who live outside the catchment area and whose parents/carers wish them to attend the school, provided that they can be accommodated within the published admission limits.
- 1.4 The Academy will comply with all relevant provisions of the statutory codes of practice (the School Admissions Code of Practice and the School Admission Appeals Code of Practice).
- 1.5 Notwithstanding these arrangements, the Secretary of State may direct the Academy to admit a named student at the Tudor Grange Academy Redditch on application from the Local Authority (LA). Before doing so the Secretary of State will consult with the Academy.



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### **2. Admissions Arrangements**

- 2.1. The admission arrangements for the Academy for the academic year 2019-20, and subject to any changes approved by the Secretary of State, for subsequent years are as described below:
- a) The Academy will have an agreed admission number at Year 9 of 180 students and admission to Year 7 and 8 only to the specialist autism base through an Education, Health and Care Plan (ECHP).
  - b) The Academy may set a higher admission number as its Published Admission Number (PAN) for any specific year. Before setting an admission number higher than its agreed number, the Academy will consult in accordance with published statutory regulations.
  - c) Students will not be admitted above the PAN unless exceptional circumstances apply, and such circumstances shall be reported to the Secretary of State.
- 2.2. All applications should be submitted to Worcestershire County Council on a Form CA1 (Application for Admission/Transfer to a School) naming Tudor Grange Academy Redditch. This form will be forwarded to the Academy. The Academy's Local Governing Body (LGB) will rank all applications against the published admissions criteria according to the information given by parents/carers on application forms. Applications will be sorted in descending order according to the oversubscription criteria below (see 3.2).
- 2.3. The Academy will use the following timetable for applications each year (exact dates within the months vary from year to year), which, whenever possible will fit in with the common timetable agreed by Worcestershire County Council.
- a) September/October – the Academy will provide opportunities for parents to visit the school.
  - b) 31 October 2019 – Common Application Form to be completed and returned to the LA to administer.
  - c) Spring term – Applications will be considered in line with arrangements agreed with the LA and other admissions authorities.
  - d) March – Offers made in writing to parents/carers.
- 2.4. The Academy will consider all applications for places. The names of applicants to whom places could be offered will then be provided to the Local Authority who, according to the Co-ordinated Scheme, will make offers. Firm offers will be made by the home Local Authority on the published date. Offers will not be made by the Academy, and parents/carers should not contact the school directly if they have not received an offer letter.
- 2.5. Where fewer than the relevant number of applications are received, the Academy will offer places to all those who have applied.

### **3. Procedure for allocating places, including dealing with over subscription**

- 3.1. Where there is over subscription, i.e. the number of applications for admission to the Academy is greater than the published admissions number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. After the admission of students with EHC



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Plans where the Academy is named on the statement, the criteria will be applied in the following order:

### 3.2. Admissions to Year 9:

- a) Children who are in the care or interim care of a local authority, or children who are accommodated by a local authority, pursuant to S22 (1) of the Children Act 1989 "Looked After Children".
- b) Children of parents living in the Designated Geographical Area (DGA).
- c) Children whose siblings currently attend the Academy and who will continue to do so on the date of admission.
- d) Children on the basis of proximity to the school using straight line measurement from the main entrance of the Academy to the main entrance of the child's home.

Criteria d) will act as a tie-break in the event of the admission number being reached through criteria a) to c). In the event of a tie-break at criteria d), the Academy will use random allocation supervised by someone independent of the Academy.

### 3.3. Admission of children outside their normal age group:

Parents may seek a place for their child outside their normal school age group, for example, if their child is gifted and talented, or has experienced problems such as ill health. If parents wish to do this they must contact the Academy. The decision whether a child is admitted outside their normal age group will be made on a case by case basis by the LGB.

- 3.4. In accordance with the School Admissions Code 2014, the LGB will make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child concerned. This will include taking into account the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely. The LGB will also take into account the views of the Principal. When informing a parent of their decision on the year group the child should be admitted to, the LGB will set out clearly the reasons for their decision. The LGB will ensure that the parent receives the response to their request before primary national offer day.

## 4. Definitions

The following definitions apply to the oversubscription criteria:

- a) Children are siblings if they are half, full or adoptive brother or sister or if they are children living in the same household.
- b) 'Living' means that the child's home address is that where the child spends the majority of time and is living with the person who has parental responsibility and/or is the main carer set out in the Children Act 1989. If a child regularly lives at more than one address, the main address when allocating places will normally be taken as the address where Child Benefit is paid and/or where the child is registered with a doctor.
- c) Applicants expressing a first preference will be considered first in accordance with Worcestershire's co-ordinated admissions system. Applicants expressing a second



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or subsequent preference will be considered in order of preference, and places allocated in the same way as for those expressing a first preference.

### **5. Operation of waiting lists**

- 5.1. Subject to any provisions regarding waiting lists in the LA's coordinated admissions scheme, the Academy will operate a waiting list. This will be maintained by the Academy and it will be open to parents/carers to ask for their child's name to be placed on the waiting list following an unsuccessful application.
- 5.2. Names of unsuccessful applicants placed on the waiting list will remain there until the 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- 5.3. Position on the waiting list will be determined solely in accordance with the criteria set out in paragraph 3 above. Where places at the Academy become available, they will be allocated to children on the waiting list in accordance with the same criteria. This implies that a child's name may go up or down the over-subscription list.

### **6. Arrangements for admitting students to other year groups, including those to replace any students who have left the Tudor Grange Academy Redditch**

Subject to any provisions in the Local Authority co-ordinated admissions arrangements relating to applications submitted for years other than the normal years of entry, the Academy must consider all such applications if the year group applied for has a place available. Parent's whose applications are turned down are entitled to appeal.

### **7. Right of appeal**

Parents have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision of the Academy, and the Appeal Panel will be independent of the Academy. The arrangements for Appeals will be in line with the School Admission Appeals Code of Practice published by the DfE. The determination of the Independent Appeals Panel will be made in accordance with the Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals and is binding on all parties. The Academy will prepare guidance for parents about how the appeals process will work and provide parents with a named contact who can answer any enquiries that parents may have about the process.