



Liverpool College

Consultation on Proposed Changes to Liverpool College's Admissions Policy from September 2018

Why are we consulting?

The School Admissions Code (2014) requires admission authorities to consult when changes are proposed to admissions arrangements. This process allows stakeholders to raise comments or concerns about the proposed arrangements.

When are we consulting?

The consultation will run from **Monday 19 December 2016 – Monday 30 January 2017**.

If you would like a hard copy of the proposal, please contact the school on 0151 724 4000.

How to return your comments

If you would like to comment on any of the proposed changes you can email consultation@liverpoolcollege.org.uk or you can send them in writing to: Miss S Bamber, Principal's PA, Liverpool College, Queens Drive, Liverpool L18 8BG.

All comments must be received by **30 January 2017**.

Following the consultation period, the Governing Body will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Admission arrangements for 2018 will be determined by 28 February 2017.

What changes are being proposed?

Liverpool College is seeking to consult on the elements of our admissions policy where changes have been made. The full proposed admissions arrangements for 2018 is set out on the Admissions Page on the school's website (www.liverpoolcollege.org.uk) and a summary of the proposed changes is outlined below:

A. Reception Admission Arrangements

Change to oversubscription criteria (section 3.2.1 in the draft admissions policy):

Liverpool College is proposing adding an oversubscription criterion for Reception admissions to allocate four (4) places to children eligible to be registered for free school meals who live within two (2) miles of the school.

- This would be criterion (iv) in the list of oversubscription criteria
- Evidence of eligibility to be registered for free school meals will be provided by completing a **supplementary admissions form**.
- Further information about eligibility to be registered for free school meals has also been added as **Appendix D** in the draft policy.

The reason for the change is that the School Admissions Code (2014) allows schools to give priority in their oversubscription criteria to children eligible for pupil premium (or from specific eligible sub-groups). The College wishes to use this provision in the Code to increase the proportion of disadvantaged children admitted to the school who live within 2 miles of the school.

No other changes are proposed for Reception admission arrangements. The PAN for Reception remains unchanged and responses are not sought on it.

B. Year 3 PAN and oversubscription criteria (section 4)

Liverpool College proposes to add an additional class (27 pupils) to Year 3 in September 2018 to create a year group of 81 pupils.

As a result a PAN for Year 3 of 27 has been added to the policy along with the oversubscription criteria that will be used to allocate places when the number of applicants is greater than the published admissions number.

The proposed addition of a third class in Year 3 in 2018 is part of a phased growth of the school to a three form primary phase in response to the substantial changes in funding as well as the overwhelming oversubscription and demand for places. The proposed admission arrangement at Year 3 will only be in place for two years until the Year 2 group due to move up to Year 3 also has 81 pupils in it.

C. Year 7 Admission Arrangements

Change to aptitude specialism (sections 5.1.3 5.2.3 in the draft admissions policy):

Liverpool College proposes to change the basis of the aptitude selection for 10% of the published admission number from Modern Foreign Languages to Music.

This proposed change is a response to the school's mission to educate for character and the increasing musical opportunities available for all pupils that are created in our curriculum model.

There is also a change to the requirement that all applicants sit the aptitude test. Only those pupils who wish to be considered for a music aptitude place will take the aptitude test. A separate form will be completed to register for the music aptitude test.

Change in wording (sections 5.2.3 5.2.4 5.2.6 in the draft admissions policy):

The wording in these sections has been amended to make it clearer that all pupils who sit the aptitude test also have to sit the banding test – and that both those that are allocated a music aptitude place and those that are not will be placed in the appropriate band and be taken account of when allocating places.

This is not a change from current policy in how these two methods of selection (banding and aptitude) are applied but is instead a clarification of the wording in these sections.

No other changes are proposed for Year 7 admission arrangements. The PAN for Year 7 remains unchanged and responses are not sought on it.

D. Sixth Form Admission Arrangements

Change to wording of admission numbers (section 6.1.2 in the draft admissions policy):

The wording in this section has been amended to clarify the allocation of places to day and boarding pupils in Year 12.

The overall size of the year group in Year 12 has been updated (150) to reflect the larger year group size in Year 11 (125).

Change to wording of minimum entry requirements (section 6.2.1):

There is a change in wording of the minimum entry requirements to reflect national changes to the grading of GCSE examinations.

Change to oversubscription criteria (section 6.2.4):

We have removed an oversubscription criterion for pupils who have been offered a place to board at Liverpool College because a separate PAN (and process for allocating places) for boarding is already set out in the policy.

No other changes are proposed for Year 12 admission arrangements. The PAN for Year 12 remains unchanged and responses are not sought on it.

E. Waiting Lists

Change to wording (section 7.3):

The wording in this section has been amended and expanded to take account of the impact that the proposed additional oversubscription criterion in Reception admissions and clarification in Year 7 criteria has had on the numbering and identification of the different oversubscription criteria throughout the policy.

F. Boarding Admissions Arrangements

Changes to oversubscription criteria (sections 8.5.1 8.5.2):

8.5.1: In oversubscription criterion (ii), the priority will no longer be limited to those who are normally resident in the area.

8.5.2: in the event any sub categories in criterion (iii) are oversubscribed, priority to children who are normally resident in the area has been removed.

No other changes are proposed for Boarding admission arrangements. The PAN for boarding pupils remains unchanged and responses are not sought on it.

F. Casual Admissions (section 9.1)

This section has been updated to make it clearer how the admissions arrangements (including oversubscription criteria) will be applied for applications for all other year groups and for in year applications.