

Fullbrook Admissions Policies 2021/22 and 2022/23

Addendum

Variations to the admissions policies 2021/22 and 2022/23 have been made in accordance with paragraph 3.6 of the School Admissions Code 2021:

Nature of the amendment

Following parliamentary approval of the School Admissions Code 2021, schools are now required to give priority to looked after children and all previously looked after children, including those children who appear (to the satisfaction of the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

The following oversubscription criterion in relation to looked after and previously looked after children will therefore apply:

1. Looked after and previously looked after children

Places will be offered firstly to looked after children i.e. children who are looked after by a public authority and are in public care, and previously looked after children who were adopted, or subject to a residence order, or special guardianship order, immediately following having been looked after. Applications made under this criterion must be accompanied by details of the circumstances and professionally supported evidence.

Definitions

A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order including those who appear [to the satisfaction of the school's admissions committee] to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. 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 functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

i. An adoption order is an order under the Adoption Act 1976 (see Section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (see Section 46 adoption orders).

ii. A 'child arrangements order' is an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live under Section 8 of the Children Act 1989 as amended by Section 14 of the Children and Families Act 2014.

iii. A 'special guardianship order' is set out in section 14A of the Children Act 1989 and is defined as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).