

Consultation on proposed changes for the admission of students outside the normal round.



Background

Paragraph 1.42 of the School Admissions Code explains that all admission authorities must consult when they propose to change their admissions policy.

Specific Proposal

The Governing Body proposes to review the procedure for the admission of students outside the normal round (“in-year admissions”).

The Elizabethan Academy has become increasingly popular in recent years with parents seeking places outside the normal round of admissions (ie not for September of Year 7). Some of these are parents who are dissatisfied with their child’s current school and are looking to transfer them elsewhere; others are parents new to the wider Retford area who identify the Elizabethan as their school of choice.

Such is the popularity of the Elizabethan that it is not unusual for there to be new students starting almost every week throughout the academic year. Unchecked, this can have an impact on class sizes (and, therefore, staff-student ratios) and students currently at the school.

The Governors intend to review admissions procedures to facilitate a proper induction for such students. This will include an introduction to the Elizabethan way of working, a safeguarding briefing and an explanation of our child protection procedures. This induction is intended to ease their integration into school life.

To achieve this, students outside of the normal round will only be admitted on the first day of every month.

This does not affect the admissions policy for students transferring directly from primary school to the Elizabethan.

How to take part in the consultation

The consultation opens on Wednesday 4 October (following the Governors’ Student Support Committee meeting on 3 October) and closes on Friday 24 November 2017. Please submit your comments in writing to Mr J White, Vice Principal, either via email (whitej@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk) or by post at the Academy. Details of the proposals are available on our website. A printed copy of the proposed Admissions Policy can be sent to you upon request (again to the Vice Principal).