

16th December 2021

RE: Consultation on proposed admission arrangements for Bluecoat Academy Sixth Form

The purpose of this document is to inform you that Archway Learning Trust is undertaking statutory consultation on proposed changes to the admission arrangements, specifically relating to Bluecoat Sixth Form, there are no changes to the determined admission arrangements for admission into Secondary School. As required by the Department for Education's School 2021 Admissions Code the consultation period must last for a minimum of 6 weeks between 1 October 2021 and 31 January 2022, in accordance copies of the full proposed arrangements will be published on the Academy's website for the duration of the consultation period.

Background

Bluecoat Sixth Form is a large Sixth Form provision that is based on the Bluecoat Aspley Academy site on Aspley Lane and was the 16 -18 provision for internal students from both Bluecoat Aspley Academy and Bluecoat Wollaton Academy as well as external students from other secondary schools within the Trust and the local community. In 2015, Bluecoat Wollaton Academy become its own distinct Academy with its own URN and whilst the Sixth Form continues to serve our Bluecoat Wollaton students, they are no longer considered 'internal'. In January 2022, Bluecoat Sixth Form will be temporarily relocated to Maid Marian Way, in order to accommodate the new free school Bluecoat Trent Academy while the demolition and construction took place for the brand new free school. It is for both these reasons the admission arrangements have been reviewed and changes are being proposed in order to reflect the changes above as well as simplify to ensure clarity and effective operational management.

Proposed changes to the admissions arrangements:

The proposed changes to Bluecoat Sixth Form Admission Arrangements include:

- 1) The separation from the Secondary School Admission Arrangements to ensure clarity. The Secondary School Admission Arrangements continue to include the PAN for Sixth Form and reference the Sixth Form arrangements but are now on separate documents.
- 2) Removal of siblings as an oversubscription criteria as the Sixth Form will no longer be on the Bluecoat Aspley Academy site and therefore the benefits of social support are no longer a priority.
- 3) Removal of faith oversubscription criteria. The Christian distinctiveness of Bluecoat Sixth Form is lived out through the work and ethos of the Sixth Form. Places are reserved for internal applicants that have met the admission criteria for secondary school whereby over 45% of places are reserved for families who are involved in the work and worship of a Church of England Parish or another Christian Church.
- 4) The point of distance measurement is changed from a Bluecoat Sixth Form Centre, Aspley Lane to the new location on Maid Marian way.

Please see Appendix 1 – Bluecoat Sixth Form Proposed Admission Arrangements 2023-24
Appendix 2 – Bluecoat Aspley Academy Admission Arrangements (no changes, for purposes of full arrangements being published)

If you do have any comments on the proposed admission arrangements that you would like the Trust to take into account then I would ask you please submit these either in writing to Michelle Walshe at the Archway Learning Trust, Aspley Lane, Nottingham, NG8 5GY or by email to clerk@archwaytrust.co.uk before the closing on 27th January 2022.

Yours Sincerely



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