

Admissions Arrangements for Year 7 Intake September 2023

The Governors of The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form wish to bring to the attention of all stakeholders a formal consultation regarding the following amendments to admissions to The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form, effective for the Year 7 intake in September 2023.

The proposed policy will consolidate the linked primary schools in to one group of schools so that all school are treated in the same way, as opposed to the historical two tier system. The addition of St Peter's Primary School to the listed linked primary schools is included due to emerging evidence over recent years where The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form has seen increasing numbers of children gaining a place at the academy. An extension of the academy's catchment area is proposed, to incorporate Ruddington and this can be clearly defined on the map [here](#). The proposed extension uses the major boundary of the A52 at the northern point and then follows the county boundary along the western side before then assimilating the catchment boundary for St Peter's Primary along the southern side. The over-subscription criteria have been restructured which now gives priority to children who live within the academy's catchment area, attended a linked primary school and have a sibling attending the academy. This ensures that we continue to serve our local community and strengthens our community partnership. The academy wishes to ensure that all children that express a preference to attend The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form, who live in the proposed catchment area, can secure a place. The introduction of random allocation across criteria 2, 3 and 4 ensures that these descriptors will not detrimentally impact across any of the linked primary schools in the catchment area. If the current application of a distance measure was used then this would consistently disadvantage those children who live further away within the catchment area, such as the community of Willoughby-on the-Wolds, which the academy wishes to avoid.

The PAN will remain unchanged at 150. The academy is in discussion with the local authority to expand the school in the near future, so the PAN may rise at this point but this would be subject to approval from the Regional Schools Commissioner.

The governors are committed to providing the best education and enrichment possible to their community. If you wish to offer any thoughts about this proposal, please email Gail Burrows via gburrows@southwolds.notts.sch.uk

The consultation will run from 15th December 2021 until 10.00am on 27th January 2022 and responses submitted within this timeframe will be considered by governors. Whilst the academy cannot guarantee direct replies to comments, there will be a dedicated page on the academy's website that details all aspects of the consultation including an FAQ section that will be updated throughout the consultation period.