



Consultation on admission arrangements for 2021/22

This consultation will run for a minimum of 6 weeks from *Wednesday 20th November 2019* until *Friday 10th January 2020*.

When an admission authority wishes to make changes or their admission arrangements or those arrangements have not been publicly consulted on for at least 7 years, there is a statutory requirement to consult to ensure all views are heard.

Wildern Academy Trust, as the admission authority for Wildern School, is seeking your views on the following proposed changes to Wildern School's admission arrangements for the 2021/22 academic year.

Proposal 1: An enlargement of the school's catchment area to include new housing developments at land East of Dodwell Lane (Latitude), Chalcroft Farm and Fir Tree Lane

Proposal 2: A new priority for children living in the catchment area of Saint James CE Primary School, West End

A copy of the school's full proposed admission policy and catchment area map for 2021-22 is attached.

For information about the rationale behind each proposal, please see *Appendix A*.

HOW TO RESPOND

To respond to this consultation, please send your comments by e-mail to admissions-consultation@wildern.org or write to Mrs S Yates at Wildern School, Wildern Lane, Hedge End, Southampton, SO30 4EJ by no later than *Friday 10th January 2020*.



All responses will be considered by the Academy Trust who will determine the final arrangements by 28 February 2020. A copy of the final agreed admission arrangements will be published on the school website by 15 March 2020.



APPENDIX A

Proposal 1: An enlargement of the school's catchment area to include new housing developments at land East of Dodwell Lane (Latitude), Chalcroft Farm and Fir Tree Lane

Wildern Academy Trust, in conjunction with Hampshire County Council and other local secondary schools, has recently undertaken a review of secondary school catchment areas covering Hamble, Fair Oak and Hedge End to take account of new housing developments on land East of Dodwell Lane (Latitude), Chalcroft Farm and Fir Tree Lane.

The housing development on land East of Dodwell Lane (Latitude) currently falls within the catchment area of The Hamble School. However, Wildern School is closer and its location means that there would be no need for families to cross the M27 to get there and there is a walking route to school. The Trust is therefore proposing that the Wildern School catchment boundary should be redrawn to include the land East of Dodwell Lane (Latitude) for admissions from September 2021, onwards.

The new housing planned for Chalcroft Farm and Fir Tree Lane currently falls within the catchment area for Wyvern College, however due to capacity restrictions at the school and the authority's planning of secondary phase places in the area leading to the provision of additional secondary provision in Hedge End, the Trust is also proposing that Chalcroft Farm is also included within the catchment area for Wildern School for admissions from September 2021 onwards.

Wildern Academy Trust is working with Hampshire County Council to establish another secondary school in Hedge End (Woodhouse Lane) called Deer Park School to provide high quality teaching and learning for children aged 11-16 years. This school, alongside Wildern School, will cater for both existing and future demand for school places across Hedge End, West End and Botley area. The new school is expected to open in September 2021 and will admit up to 120 Year 7 pupils in the first instance, gradually growing in subsequent years to a full capacity of 1050 pupils.



It is anticipated that the provision across both schools will provide enough capacity to accommodate the additional children arising from both developments.

Priority for places at the new school will be given to children living in the catchment area after children in care, children previously in care and children with an essential medical need to attend the school. It is intended that the new school will operate the same catchment area as Wildern School.

Parents applying for a Year 7 place in September 2021 will be able to express a preference for both secondary schools and places will be allocated at each school up to the published admission number for that school and in accordance with their respective admission arrangements.

Hampshire County Council, as the admission authority for Hamble School, and Wyvern College Academy Trust, as the admission authority for Wyvern College, have agreed in principle to The Academy Trusts proposal to extend Wildern School's catchment area to accommodate the new developments referred to above, and are carrying out separate consultations on proposals to remove these areas from their respective catchment areas. Subject to the outcome of the consultations by Hampshire County Council and Wyvern College Academy Trust, all three school's catchment changes would be implemented for school admissions from September 2021, onwards.

Proposal 2: A new priority for children living in the catchment area of Saint James CE Primary School, West End

Should Wildern School oversubscribe from within its catchment area for admission to Year 7 in September 2021, children living farthest from the school would be refused a place. The Saint James CE Primary School catchment area covers the furthestmost part of Wildern's catchment area (see map). Children living in this area are not only most at risk of being refused a place on distance grounds if the school has more catchment applications than places available, but they would also have to pass



Wildern School to get to the new school if refused. Most children living in the Saint James' CE Primary School catchment area attend Saint James' CE Primary School.

To remove this disadvantage, the Academy Trust proposes a new criterion which gives children living in the Saint James' CE Primary School catchment children priority for a place at Wildern School over other catchment children for whom both Hedge End secondary schools are more easily accessible.

Please note: This consultation is **not** seeking views on Deer Park School. The information provided in this document about the new school has been provided solely to add context to the changes that are being proposed to Wildern School's admission arrangements for the 2021/22 academic year. The Academy Trust will be consulting on the admission arrangements for Deer Park School in the Autumn term 2020 as part of a wider consultation on the new school, as required under Section 10 of the Academies Act 2010.