

November 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Proposed Change to Admissions Arrangements**

The Governors of George Salter Academy are consulting on proposed changes to their admissions arrangements. The proposed changes would take effect from the beginning of the academic year 2018. The changes to the policy are:

- **Section 2.2 (Eligibility criteria)** now reads:

*In line with The Schools Admissions Code 2014 (“the Code”) George Salter Academy will respond to applications for children coming from overseas in accordance with European Union law or Home Office rules for non-European Economic Area nationals. George Salter Academy will not refuse a school place simply because of doubts about the child’s immigration status.*

- **Section 3 (Secondary Admissions) - Procedures for Admission into Year 7** now reads:

*Parents should be aware that the Aptitude Registration Form must be returned to George Salter Academy, Davey Road, West Bromwich, West Midlands, B70 9UW by Thursday 5th October, 2017.*

- **Oversubscription criteria** now reads:

*After the above priority places, within each band priority for places will be allocated to:*

*i) Siblings of students who will be on roll at the time of the application.*

- **In-year admissions** now reads:

*Applications for in-year admissions are considered in the same way as those made at the beginning of the academic year and are dealt with in accordance the local authority’s Mid-Year Admissions Protocol. In-year admissions forms can be obtained from the Academy or the local authority. Applications for young people who are vulnerable or hard to place may be made through the authority’s Fair Access Protocol.*

- **Section 5 (Sixth form Admissions) - Oversubscription criteria** now reads:

*All children with Education, Health & Care Plans or a Statement of Educational Need where George Salter Academy is named on the Plan will be admitted to the Academy Sixth Form.*

*If the academy receives more applications that meet the selection criteria above than there are available places, priority for admission will be in line with the oversubscription criteria set out below:*

*1) Looked after children and those who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after was adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (definition used is in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).*

*2) Applications from external applicants for level 3 courses, who have achieved five grade 5s including English and Maths.*

*Definitive tie-breaker: in the event of there still being a tie, there will be a random ballot using an electronic random number generator. Such a ballot will be supervised by an officer of the Local Authority.*

The aim of these changes are to bring the school in line with the Ormiston Academies Trust agreed admissions policy and ensure that the arrangements continue to be appropriate and that they comply with all the relevant requirements.

The full admissions policy and details relating to the consultation are available on the Academy website – <http://www.georgesalter.com/documents/policies/Admissions-Policy2018-2019proposed.pdf>

The consultation will run from 28<sup>th</sup> November till 9<sup>th</sup> January. If you wish to comment on the proposed changes please email: [consultation@georgesalter.com](mailto:consultation@georgesalter.com) or contact Mark Drury at 0121 553 4665, extension 333.

Yours Sincerely

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