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Dear Parents, Colleagues, Local Community Members, Local MPs & Councillors, Interested Parties, Headteachers/Principals and Local Authority Representatives

Re: Kingsdale Foundation School Statutory Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for 2025-26

Please find attached the proposed Admission Arrangements for Year 7 entry to Kingsdale Foundation School for September 2025 commencement. This is a consultation document. It is open from Saturday 16th December 2023 to Wednesday 31st January 2024. This document sets out the proposed admission arrangements for Kingsdale Foundation School at that time. The Academy will comply with all relevant provisions of the statutory codes of practice (the School Admissions Code and the School Admissions Appeals Code) as they apply at any given time to maintained schools and with the law on admissions as it applies to maintained schools. The Academy will participate in the Pan London Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme operated by Southwark LA. Applicants will be required to complete and submit an online application form at www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmission.

The Governors of Kingsdale Foundation School would welcome your views on our proposed admission arrangements for 2025 - 2026 which is attached.

Summary of Proposed Change:

To introduce specific numbers of designated places for students from the following proposed 'Feeder Primary Schools' as indicated by the assigned allocations, in accordance with clause 1.15 of the School Admissions Code 2021. The total number of places to be offered must be less than 20% of the Academy's Published Admission Number (PAN) for entry into Year 7.

1. Dulwich Wood Primary School, London Borough of Southwark – 21 Designated Places
2. Elm Wood Primary School, London Borough of Lambeth – 9 Designated Places
3. Hollydale Primary School, London Borough of Southwark – 9 Designated Places
4. Kingswood Primary School, London Borough of Lambeth – 18 Designated Places
5. Paxton Primary School, London Borough of Lambeth – 9 Designated Places
6. St Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School, London Borough of Lewisham – 12 Designated Places

The Rationale for the Proposed Change is as follows:

Our formal admission proposal is to establish a mutually beneficial and voluntary partnership between the above-named 'Feeder Primary' Schools and Kingsdale Foundation School, based upon curriculum enrichment, diversity, staff development and restricted preferential admissions for students from these schools.

We have based our proposals on a feeder school satisfying more than 70% of the following clear and reasonable principles and criteria:

- In response to sustained stakeholder demand, to introduce an element of selection by proximity, which we do not currently have, that does not disproportionately adversely impact on the historic areas from which the Academy draws the overwhelming majority of its students i.e. Southwark, Lambeth and Lewisham Local Authorities
- To give priority to primary schools closest to the Academy
- To give priority to primary schools from our local boroughs that have expressed and demonstrated a prolonged interest in partnering with the Academy with the full support of its senior leadership team, governors and a consensus of its parents
- To give priority of up to 30% of feeder school places across our local boroughs which do not historically predominantly send students to the same secondary schools as the feeder schools closest to the Academy, up to a maximum distance of 3 miles. This is to mitigate against any unintended significant adverse consequence on a potential secondary school subject to major recruitment and viability



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- To give priority to no more than 20% of feeder school places to one or more Faith Schools to sustain the current diversity of intake to the Academy from such schools
- To give priority to primary schools where there is a historic record, in excess of 6 years (where applicable), of regular applications and demand for places at the Academy and where the overwhelming majority of these students have not been admitted
- To give priority to primary schools which are or may become undersubscribed or are at risk due to falling rolls, where we deem association with the Academy may provide a much-needed recruitment impetus where and when it is needed most
- To give priority to primary schools which cater for higher levels of disadvantaged students than the Academy based on free school meals and eligibility to receive pupil premium funding
- The feeder primary school must not be part of an existing formal federation with another secondary school/academy or have current or medium-term plans for such
- The primary school must not have alternative current or planned feeder school arrangements in place for the short or medium term with another secondary school/academy
- To give priority to primary schools that do not have at the time of consultation Ofsted Outstanding Status

In the event of undersubscription from a feeder primary school this would be offset by prescribed oversubscription from an alternative feeder primary school where possible, to the exact equivalence, based on oversubscription ranking and formal primary school associations - the maximum number of feeder school places offered will not be increased above the published total of designated places and must remain less than 20% of the Academy's PAN.

Kingsdale Foundation School's PAN for entry into Year 7 is currently 420. Should there be a sufficiently persuasive consensus and/or we receive high numbers of compelling objections on behalf of potential applicants who might only be eligible for entry under our Random Lottery criteria who believe this group could become overly disadvantaged by this proposal, then the Academy Trust may be willing to consider reviewing its PAN.

If you wish to comment on the proposed changes to our admissions arrangements, please send your response in writing for the attention of Ms O. Otubu, Admissions Officer, either by post or email to admissions@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk .

Please respond by 31st January 2024 when the consultation period will end.

The Governors will consider all the responses, comments and queries to the consultation. They will then decide whether to implement any changes and if approved the changes will be introduced for September 2025 entry.

A copy of our Draft Admission Policy is also available to view on the School's website www.kingsdalefoundationschool.org.uk or can be obtained from Ms O. Otubu, Admissions Officer.

Kind regards,

Ms O. Otubu Admissions Officer
For and on behalf of Kingsdale Foundation School
16th December 2023