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SAF Admissions Consultation

Dear Parents

The Sharnbrook Academy Federation (SAF) is currently out to consultation regarding important changes to its Admissions Policy for both Lincroft and Sharnbrook Upper School which has important implications for children attending this school. Please note we are a federated school with Eileen Wade we are not part of the Sharnbrook Academy Federation.

All schools have a list of criteria stating the order in which children are admitted to the school in case of oversubscription – you will see our criteria in the Admissions Policy on the school website. The current Admissions 2016 Policy for Sharnbrook Academy Federation (Lincroft) shows children living in the catchment area at point 3 and children transferring from Milton Ernest Lower at point 4 in the list of criteria (Point 1 is 'Looked After' children, and Point 2 is Students living in catchment with siblings at the school). The consultation document shows a change of criteria, meaning 'children attending any Primary age provision operated by Sharnbrook Academy Federation' moves to Point 3 ahead of children living in the catchment area. Children attending catchment feeder schools are no longer mentioned.

What are the implications of this change?

Last week, a letter was sent to parents of children attending SAF schools with the information that SAF will be sponsoring the Great Ouse Primary Academy (which will service the housing estate north of Bromham Road), Wootton Academy Trust and Alfred Street Junior School in Rushden, Northamptonshire.

This means that, should the proposed Admissions Policy be agreed, pupils from any of these schools, and from any other school that joins SAF, will have priority over children from the catchment. Children attending this school from outside the catchment would not be admitted until all other criteria were met.

I urge as many of you as possible to respond to the consultation which can be accessed via the Sharnbrook website or this link:

<http://www.sharnbrook.beds.sch.uk/consultation-on-proposed-admission-arrangements-for-september-2018/16094.html>



The closing date for responses is 12 noon on December 20th, and the response form can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SAFAdmissions2018>

I'm sure you agree with me that Sharnbrook should be a school that is open to children living locally, not from distant schools which happen to be linked with SAF. If you have any questions relating to this, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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