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Admissions Consultation Document for 2027/28

Introduction

Alderman Jacobs School is consulting on its admissions arrangements for the academic year 2027/28. This consultation is part of our statutory requirement to review admissions policies at least every 7 years, even if there are no changes. We are seeking the views of parents, carers, staff, the local community, and other interested parties to ensure our arrangements remain fair, transparent, and appropriate for our school community.

Background

Alderman Jacobs School last consulted on its admissions arrangements in 2017/18. As part of the statutory process, we are now reviewing our policy for the 2027/28 academic year.

Significant Change:

In line with the School Admissions Code 2021 and to ensure our criteria are clear, objective, and in line with national expectations we are adding information about children with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) and propose one significant change to our oversubscription criteria:

- Remove the criterion relating to children with a serious or life-threatening medical condition, or sensitive and/or serious individual and/or family circumstances, which made attendance at this school essential

This change means that, instead of considering medical or social circumstances as, priority will now be given to children who have an EHCP that specifically names Alderman Jacobs School. This ensures our criteria are fully aligned with statutory guidance and are as clear, fair, and transparent as possible.

All other admissions arrangements remain unchanged, and we welcome feedback from all stakeholders as part of this consultation.

Who is being consulted?

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, this consultation is being sent to:

- Parents and carers of pupils at Alderman Jacobs School
- Staff at Alderman Jacobs School
- Cambridgeshire Local Authority
- Other local schools, academies and pre-school settings
- The local community



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Proposed Admissions Arrangements for 2027/28

A full copy of our proposed admissions policy is attached to this document and is available on our website:

<https://www.aldermanjacobs.cambs.sch.uk/apply>.

Key elements of the proposed arrangements are as follows:

Published Admission Number (PAN): 90 for Reception

All children whose statement of special educational needs (SEN) or Educational Health Care Plans (EHCP) which names the school, must be admitted. Those children with an EHCP that does not name the school will be referred to the Local Authority Student Assessment Team (SAT) to determine an appropriate place.

Oversubscription Criteria (in priority order)

Children who have a statement of special educational needs that names the school will be admitted. Those children with an EHCP but does not name the school will be referred to the Student Assessment Team to determine an appropriate place.

1. Looked After and Previously Looked After Children

- Children in the care of a local authority (Looked After Children - LAC)
- Children who were in care but have been adopted, or became subject to a Child Arrangements Order or Special Guardianship Order
- Children who appear to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be so as a result of adoption

2. Children of staff at Alderman Jacobs School

- Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
- The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage.

3. Siblings

- Children with a sibling attending Alderman Jacobs School at the time of admission (see definition below)

4. Children living in the school's catchment area

5. Children living outside the catchment area

Tie-breaker:

If more than one applicant meets the same criteria, priority will go to the child living closest to the school, measured by a straight line from the home address to the school.



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Definitions:

Children of staff: Employees of Alderman Jacobs School who have either been employed at the school for at least two years at the time of application, or who have been recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skills shortage.

Sibling: A brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, step-brother, step-sister, or adopted/fostered child living permanently at the same address.

Home Address: The address where the child normally lives with the parent/carer who has parental responsibility. If the child lives equally at two addresses, parents can choose which to use for the application. Applications based on future addresses will only be considered with proof (e.g. tenancy agreement or exchange of contracts) up to six teaching weeks before the expected start date.

Waiting List:

Maintained by the Local Authority in line with published criteria, and ranked in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

In-Year Admissions:

Managed by the Local Authority.

How to Respond

We invite feedback on the proposed admissions arrangements from all stakeholders. Please send your comments by **4th December 2025** via one of the following methods:

- **Email:** office@ajs.education
- **Post:** Admissions Consultation, Alderman Jacobs School, Drybread Road, Whittlesey, Peterborough, PE7 1XJ

The consultation will run from **23rd October to 4th December 2025**.

What Happens Next

At the end of the consultation period, responses will be reviewed by the Local Governors Committee. A summary of the responses and any resulting changes to the admissions arrangements will be published on our website. The final policy for 2027/28 will be determined by 19th December 2025 and published on the school website.



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