

1st November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer



Consultation on admission arrangements for 2019-20 at The Priory Belvoir Academy

The Priory Federation of Academies Trust is the admission authority for The Priory Belvoir Academy. The Trust is proposing to change the admission arrangements for 2019 and I am writing to inform you of this and to invite any comments you may wish to make. The consultation period starts on 6th November and you should respond by 18th December 2017. Please email any comments to federation@prioryacademies.co.uk; or send them by post to Mr M Mammatt, Belvoir Academy Consultation, Priory House, Cross O'Cliff Hill, Lincoln LN5 8PW.

The proposed changes

When The Priory Federation of Academies Trust took over the governance of the school that is now The Priory Belvoir Academy, it adopted the existing arrangements for admission in September 2018. The Trust wishes to amend the admission arrangements for 2019 and is proposing some minor amendments.

- 1 We intend to change the order of the oversubscription criteria so that siblings take priority over pupils whose primary education takes place in feeder schools. We feel that giving higher priority to siblings helps parents with child care and transport arrangements.
- 2 Instead of siblings needing to be a student at the academy at the time of admission, siblings would be counted at the time of application. This widens slightly the number of applicants able to take a sibling into account.
- 3 The oversubscription criterion relating to social or medical needs is no longer required and we intend to remove it. We understand it has not been used for five years. The introduction of education, health and care (EHC) plans also means that it is unlikely that the criterion would be used. Any significant condition linked to the criterion would, by the age of 11, already be covered by an EHC plan.
- 4 We intend to introduce an additional criterion giving priority to staff employed at the academy for more than two years. This supports retention of staff and is likely to apply to very few cases in any year.
- 5 As in all the Trust's existing arrangements, we intend to add a criterion allowing as exceptional admissions the children of staff appointed in shortage subjects after the normal date at which places are offered (1st March). This is to ensure that the children of any late appointments of staff have a school place in the local area.

All other oversubscription criteria will remain the same. We expect the overall impact of these changes will be small.

The full proposed admission arrangements can be found at www.belvoiracademy.co.uk under School Information > Admissions; or can be obtained from Belvoir Academy reception.

Yours sincerely

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Mr L S Newton
Headteacher