

# DOTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Members of the Community and all other Stakeholders

## **Re: Proposed Changes to the School's Admissions Policy 2020-2021**

Today marks the start of a six-week consultation on the school's admission policy for the academic year 2020-2021 and subsequent years thereafter. The consultation will end on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The two key changes proposed to the Admissions Policy are as follows:

1. As a school we strongly support ensuring that our most vulnerable pupils are given the best opportunities available to them. With that in mind we are proposing the introduction of an additional criterion relating to children who are eligible for early years premium (EYPP), or pupil premium (PPG).

*The early years pupil premium is additional funding to support disadvantaged three and four year olds in early years settings. Its aim is to close the gap between children from disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers by providing funding to early years providers to help them raise the quality of their provision. It has been available in all local authority areas in England since April 2015.*

*The pupil premium is additional funding given to state funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.*

*Pupil premium funding is available to both mainstream and non-mainstream schools, such as special schools and pupil referral units. It is paid to schools according to the number of pupils who have been:*

- *registered for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last 6 years*
- *looked after by the local authority (in care) for one day or more*
- *those who have left local authority care through adoption, or via a Special Guardianship, Residence or Child Arrangements Order*

2. We also propose to introduce an additional oversubscription criterion of children of staff at the school.

*Section 1.39 of the School Admissions Code does allow this to be introduced. The admission of the children of staff is defined in the admissions code as being in either or both of the following circumstances:*



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

The proposed over subscription criteria would therefore be as follows:

- 1) Those children who are or were previously looked after by Telford & Wrekin or any other local authority, children previously in state care outside of England and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- 2) Children who live in the school's defined attendance area.

If places are unavailable for all of these local children, then places will be given first to:

- a) Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the school is essential for their medical wellbeing.
  - b) Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step brother(s), step sister(s), half brother(s) or half sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the school.
  - c) Pupils in receipt of early years premium or pupil premium at the point of submitting the application request.
  - d) Other children living in the school's attendance area.
3. Any places which remain available will then be allocated to applicants from outside the school's defined attendance area in the priority order a) to e):
- a) Those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the school is essential for their medical wellbeing.
  - b) Those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step brother(s), step sister(s), half brother(s) or half sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the school.
  - c) Pupils in receipt of early years premium or pupil premium at the point of submitting the application request.
  - d) Children of staff.
  - e) Other children living outside of the school's attendance area.

The Full Governing Body have been consulted about the proposals as outlined above and these proposals have been ratified at the Full Governing Body meeting, held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018.



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This consultation is being communicated as follows:

- All Schools in Telford and Wrekin.
- All Primary and Secondary Schools in Telford and Wrekin.
- Local pre-schools and nurseries in Telford and Wrekin Council.
- Telford and Wrekin Admissions Team.
- Existing staff at Dothill Primary.
- Existing parents and carers of pupils at Dothill Primary.

The proposed policy is available on our website at: [www.dothillprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.dothillprimaryschool.co.uk)

If you wish to comment on the proposals, please do not hesitate to contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs Jo Ward. You may email via the school's email [a3368@telford.gov.uk](mailto:a3368@telford.gov.uk) or write using the address at the top of this letter.

Best wishes

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