

<b>Date</b>	December 2017
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Dear Parents, Carers and other Stakeholders,

NET Academies Trust are consulting on changes to their admission policies. Our academy trust is responsible for consulting on and determining the admission arrangements in accordance with the Schools Admissions Code.

***What does this mean?***

The key change being proposed here is that the school will change their admissions criteria to be, children with educational care and health plans which name the academy and then places will be offered in the following priority:

1. Looked after children.
2. Siblings
3. Children that attend a nursery within NET Academies Harlow i.e. a feeder nursery
4. Have parent(s) employed by the school for at least 2 years or recruited to fill a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Children who live closest to the academy

In the event of a tie, priority will be determined by a straight line distance from home to school, those living the closest being given the highest priority.

***Why make the changes?***

The admission authority, NET Academies Trust must set out in their arrangements the criteria against which places will be allocated at the academy when there are more applications than places and the order in which the criteria will be applied. If the academy is not oversubscribed all applicants must be offered a place.

We must consult on the admission policy at least once every seven years.

***When is this planned to happen?***

This is proposed to take place for the 2019/20 intake.

***How can I get involved or feedback my views on the process?***

We are therefore seeking your views on this proposed change – which you can share with us by:

- Completing and returning the questionnaire included in this newsletter before **30th January 2018**
- Going online and completing the questionnaire which can be found on the academy website and <http://www.netacademies.net/latest-news/> (the Trust's News and Events section on their website);

The consultation allows for parents, other schools, Essex County Council and the local community to raise any concerns about the proposed admissions arrangements.

The proposed consultation does not make any changes to the Published Admission Number (PAN)

***How long will the consultation process be?***

The consultation period is from the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

***What happens next?***

Any objections will be referred to the adjudicator by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Thank you for taking part in this consultation.

**Jo Coton**  
**Chief Executive Officer, NET Academies Trust**

No.	Question	Answer
1.	Do you agree with the proposed changes to NET Academies admission policy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.	Please let us know your views here:	
3.	Any objections you would like to raise?	<b><i>Please give full reasons here:</i></b>

Name:

Relationship to the trust:

***Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please return to the school reception team or email it to [operationsmanager@harlow.netacademies.net](mailto:operationsmanager@harlow.netacademies.net). We really value your input.***