ADMISSIONS POLICY 2024-25

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INTRODUCTION

Hollymount School is an academy which takes children aged from 2 years-11 years. We welcome all children, irrespective of faiths, cultures, races, disabilities or family backgrounds. We admit our children in-line with the Equality Act 2010, School Admissions Code 2021, the School Admission Appeals Code 2012, Human Rights Act 1998 and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all school places are allocated and offered in an open and fair way. The number of places available is determined by the capacity of the school and is called the admissions Our published admissions number (PAN) is 50.

Hollymount School is its own admission authority. Our academy trust—The Black Pear Trust—is responsible for consulting on and determining the admission arrangements in accordance with the SchoolAdmissions Code. Our trust will consider applications to the school rather than the LA but will always consult with the LA. Our trust becomes

the school is willing.

All applications for In Year places will be co-ordinated by the Local Authority. Parents/Carers completing an application form must forward the application form to School Admissions For more information, please click on the link below:

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN OUTSIDE THE NORMAL AGE GROUP

Parents may seek a place for their child outside of their normal age group, for example, if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health, effectively in the year group below or above their chronological age group. In addition, the parents of a summer born child may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday and may request that they are admitted out of their normal age group - to Reception rather than Year 1.

Hollymount School and the Black Pear Trust must make the decision based on the circumstances of eachcase and in the best interests of the child concerned. They will request the Head teacher to take account of the parent's views; information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group; and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely in order to reach a decision as to whether or not it is appropriate for the individual child to delay or accelerate their entry into school and be taught permanently behind or ahead of their chronological age group. The reasons for the decision must be clearly set out. Please be aware that even if delayed or accelerated entry is agreed, the normal admission arrangements apply and there is no guarantee of a place. You should therefore give careful consideration to requesting delayed or accelerated entry.

This process must be completed in advance of the closing date of 15th January prior to the child's usual start date.

A decision will be made and parents/carers will be informed.

APPEALS

Parents have the right to appeal an admission authority's decision. An independent appeals panel must hear the appeal and our school must act according to the panel's decision.

A letter will be issued to parents which includes the details of how a person can appeal against the decision to refuse a place, the refusal letter will include the reason why admission was refused; information about the right to appeal; the deadline for lodging an appeal and the contact details for making an appeal

Should you wish to exercise the right to appeal please notify in writing our Chair of Governors at Hollymount School, Hollymount Road, Worcester WR 4 9SG within 20 school days of the date of the refusal letter. Further details can also be found on the LA's website.

Where an academy is to be closed, the LA must collaborate with all schools in the area to consider the best way to secure provision for children in other local schools.

Hollymount School is required to offer all children refused admission the right to an appeal in front of an independent appeals panel. We are responsible for setting up the appeal and must do so in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code. The panel must be independent of the school.



Any person or body who considers our arrangements unlawful, or not in compliance with the Code or

adjudicator. The schools adjudicator must consider whether the referred arrangements comply with the Code and with the lawrelating to admissions.