



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families

Robert Smyth Academy (**Academy**), which is part of Tudor Grange Academies Trust (**Trust**), is consulting on proposed changes to its admission arrangements for the September 2025 intake from Monday 18th December 2023, to Wednesday, 31 January 2024, which has been increased from the legal minimum requirement of six calendar weeks to reflect that this period spans Christmas and New Year.

The Trust has recently commissioned a piece of work to have all of the admission arrangements for all of its academies reviewed and re-drafted in order to make them much clearer for staff and parents, and to include all mandatory information, in line with the requirements of the [School Admissions Code 2021](#) (**Code**).

The admission arrangements will therefore look different from the ones previously determined by the Academy, including the introduction of new forms for use by parents within the admission process. The majority of admission criteria contained within the admission arrangements will not change, however. Without setting out proposed changes made solely for compliance reasons, the Academy would draw to the specific attention of consultees the following areas where material changes have been proposed:

- We have added a new oversubscription category for children with an exceptional medical and/or social need, the wording has been made clearer and tightened up, and we are proposing to adopt a new Supplementary Information Form that parents must submit for inclusion in this high priority category. This is consistent with all other academies within the Trust.
- The previous admission arrangements included children of staff who had been continuously employed at the Academy for two or more years at the time of application, as well as those recruited to fill a vacant post at the Academy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. We have amended this to give priority on the basis of demonstrable skill shortage only, and to add further mandatory information to confirm what is meant by a 'staff member', and a 'child of a staff member', including where they must be based and where the child must live. The reason why the Trust is proposing this is because it aligns with the Trust commitment to prioritising admission based solely on demonstrable skill shortage. This reflects the Trust's dedication to attracting and retaining skilled professionals while fostering a supportive environment for all local families and children in feeder schools.

All documents are available on our website here:

<https://www.robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk/parents/admissions/>

You can submit your response:

- By completing the online form by following this link <https://forms.office.com/e/cHTeMYaXCu>
- By email to RSAConsultation@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk
- In writing to the academy at Robert Smyth Academy, Burnmill Road, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 7JG

Yours faithfully,



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