Consultation on Admission Arrangements for Member Schools of Equals Trust – 2028-29

Period of Consultation:

Monday 2 November 2026 to Monday 21 December 2026

Contextual Information

Equals Trust is the Admission authority for 19 schools in Nottinghamshire, situated in the Borough areas of Rushcliffe, Broxtowe and Gedling.

Equals Trust to has a single Admissions policy for Equals Trust which provides all the information in one place.

Admission arrangements including oversubscription criteria and catchment information

All schools must have admission arrangements that clearly set out how children will be admitted, including information about what happens if there are more applications than places available (oversubscription criteria).

All admission authorities must include the oversubscription criteria in their arrangements. The criteria must be reasonable, clear, objective, procedurally fair, and comply with all relevant legislation, including equalities legislation.

We do not wish to make significant changes to the oversubscription criteria for any school in the Trust.

All member schools have defined catchment areas. Children living in these areas have higher priority for places than children outside of catchment. The address point (using eastings and northings as defined by Ordnance Survey) will be the point used to determine if the property falls within a specific catchment area. Details of catchment areas are available at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/school-catchment-areas
This does not prevent parents who live outside the catchment area of a school, or even outside Nottinghamshire, from expressing a preference for that school.

Children living in the catchment area with a brother or sister (sibling) attending the school are given priority over other children living inside the catchment area. Children living outside the catchment area with a brother or sister attending the school are given priority over all other children living outside the catchment area.

What is included in the consultation that is different or new?

As part of a new combined Admission policy for all schools in Equals Trust, we will also be consulting for our newest member schools for the first time:

- Orston Primary School – joining date: 1 April 2026

We are consulting on reducing the Published Admission Number (PAN) for:

- Wadsworth Fields Primary School: From 50 to 30 places

Who do we consult with?

We will be seeking the views of the following groups:

- parents of children of statutory school age.
- Parents of children aged 2 and over who are not of statutory school age
- other people in the relevant area who may have an interest in the proposed admission arrangements
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- all other admission authorities within the relevant area
- all schools in Nottinghamshire and their governing bodies
- admission authorities in neighbouring local authority areas (where appropriate)

In addition, we will publicise the consultation widely to encourage interested parties not included in the above list to participate.

You can give your views on the consultation between 2 November 2026 and 21 December 2026

Anyone can comment on the arrangements. If you wish to respond, you can do this up to 21 December 2026 by:

- completing the online response form on the Trust website:
  - Equals Trust Admission Arrangements Consultation
- emailing enquiries@equalstrust.org

What happens after the consultation closes?

All responses received by 5pm on Monday 21 December 2026 will be considered. Trustees of Equals Trust will make a decision on behalf of all member schools, taking into account a range of information, including the consultation responses**.** All admission authorities have to agree the admission arrangements that are most suitable according to the local circumstances.

Determining admission arrangements 2028-2029

Admission arrangements must be agreed by **28 February 2026** even if there have been no changes from previous years.

Publication of determined arrangements 2028-2029

Once Equals Trust has determined their admission arrangements, they will be available on the Trust website and on the websites of the member schools for the whole offer year (the academic year in which offers for places are made). Arrangements will also be submitted to Nottinghamshire County Council who will publish them on their website too.