Pear Tree

Primary School

*Headteacher: Mrs N Casey*

*‘Being Our Best Selves’*

17th October 2025

**Consultation on proposed Admission Arrangements for Pear Tree Primary School for entry into Reception from September 2027**

As the admissions authority, The Cornovii Multi Academy Trust is consulting on the proposed admission arrangements for Pear Tree Primary School for the school year 2027-28. When an admission authority wishes to make changes to their admission arrangements, they must consult to ensure all views are heard. As stakeholders in this process, we would welcome your views on this proposal so that a fully informed decision can be taken at the next stage.

All schools are required to have clearly defined admission arrangements that explain how pupils will be admitted. These arrangements must include details on what will happen if the number of applications exceeds the number of available places (known as oversubscription criteria).

Admission authorities must ensure that the oversubscription criteria are included in their published arrangements. These criteria must be reasonable, clearly stated, objective, procedurally fair, and fully compliant with all relevant legislation, including equality laws.

It is the responsibility of the admission authority to determine the most appropriate criteria for the school, taking into account the local context and circumstances.

Proposed changes to the oversubscribed criteria:

The school has an agreed admission number of 30 pupils for entry into reception. In the event that the school receives more applications than the number of places it has available, places will be given to those children who meet any of the criteria set out below, in order until all places are filled.

1. Looked after and previously looked after children

A 'looked after child' or previously looked after child’ is a child who is or was (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority. This includes children who appear to (in the view of the Admissions Authority) have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

2. Children with a sibling at the school

Priority will next be given to children with siblings at the school. Siblings include step siblings, foster siblings, adopted siblings and other children living permanently at the same address. Priority will not be given to children with siblings who are former pupils of the school.

3. Children of staff who work at the school

Children of staff who have been employed at the school, or Trust staff who have directly supported the school through their role for two or more years at the time at which the application to the school is made. (This does not include volunteers or casual contracts or wider Trust staff).

4. Children resident within the designated catchment area of the school.

Children will be classed within this category if they and their parents/carers are resident within the area served by the school and any child attending the school commencing the Autumn tern of the admission period, preceding their year of entry to reception.

The consultation will take place between 20th October 2025 and 1st December 2025. All responses must be received before 1st December 2025.

**How can you respond?**

If you would like to respond, please send your comments to:

Email: t.sanchez@thecornoviitrust.org

Post: Admissions Consultation, Cornovii Multi Academy Trust, Alsager School, Hassall Road, Alsager, ST72HR.

All responses will be considered by the Trust Board before the arrangements are finalised and published

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Casey

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