



4th November 2024

**Admissions Consultation on proposed changes to Lionheart Educational Trust
The Newbridge School and The Castle Rock School**

**Admission Arrangements for the 2026-2027 school year.
Period of Consultation: Monday 4th November 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024**

As part of Lionheart Educational Trust, from Monday 4th November until Friday 20th December 2024 The Newbridge School and The Castle Rock School will be consulting on proposed changes to 2026-2027 admission arrangements. All schools/academies/colleges 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). The criteria must be reasonable, clear, objective, and procedurally fair and comply with all relevant legislation, including equalities legislation. It is for the admissions authority (Lionheart Educational Trust) to decide which criteria are most suitable for the school/academy according to local circumstances.

The Proposed Changes:

The Newbridge School and The Castle Rock School are consulting on changing their oversubscription criteria, outlined in appendix 1, and inline with the code of admissions.

All material changes are outlined in appendix 1.

Other changes to detail and wording have been made throughout the Policy, however these do not affect the admission process or the rights of those applying to the school.

Consultation Information:

Full details of Lionheart Educational Trust admissions consultation including proposals:

<https://www.lionhearttrust.org.uk/news-events/news/admissions-consultation-4th-of-nov-20th-dec-2024>

All consultation information (hard copy) is also available upon request from any school/academy/college, or the Trust.

Who are we consulting with?

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires that all admission authorities undertake a statutory consultation to seek the views and comments of parents/carers, other admission authorities, schools in the relevant area, Leicester City and County Council including neighbouring local authorities and anyone else who may be affected by the proposed changes. The consultation will run for 6 weeks commencing on Monday 4th November and closing on Friday 20th December 2024 at 4pm. A copy of the School Admissions Code 2021 can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1001050/School_admissions_code_2021.pdf



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How can you respond to the consultation?

You can respond to this consultation before the closing date on Friday 20th December 2024
by email:

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Or by post:

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What Happens next?

After the consultation period has closed Lionheart Educational Trust (as the admissions authority) will consider the responses received. The Trust will then determine final admission arrangements for 2026-2027. Following determination, the arrangements will be published on the school's website.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1
The Newbridge School and The Castle Rock School
November 2024 proposed changes for consultation



November 24 proposed	Previous Policy version	What do the changes mean
<p>Oversubscription criteria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children in care of the Local Authority and those children who were previously looked after children including those who appear to admissions authority, to have been in State Care outside of England and those that ceased being in care due to being adopted (or become subject to a Child arrangement order or special guardianship order) are considered under this criterion. In such circumstances a letter from the Local Authority/State in which the child was in the care of will be required (see definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). 2. Children who will have siblings in the college at the time when they will be admitted to the college (see note i). 3. Children who live in the catchment area – see map available on the school website. 4. Children living nearest to the school measured in a straight-line distance from the centre point of the property to the school's main designated front gate, using a computerized mapping system (Routefinder). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. 'Previously looked after children' are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order). Further references to previously looked after children means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society. Children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 and children who were adopted under section 46 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. 24 Child arrangements orders are defined in section 8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replace residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians). 2. Children with a sibling attending the Trust academy at the time of application. 	<p>Criterion 1 remains the same.</p> <p>Criterion 2 remains the same.</p> <p>Criterion 3 remains the same.</p> <p>Criterion 4 of the current oversubscription will no longer be used.</p> <p>Criterion 5 of the current oversubscription will no longer be used.</p> <p>Criterion 6 of the current oversubscription will no longer be used.</p> <p>Criterion 7 of the current oversubscription criteria is now proposed as criteria 4.</p> <p>Criterion 8 of the current oversubscription criteria is now proposed as a explanatory note to Criterion 4.</p>



The term sibling relates to:
brothers and/or sisters who share the same parent(s)
a half-brother, half-sister or legally adopted child living at the same address
a child looked after by a local authority placed in a foster family with other school age children
a stepchild or children who are not related but live as a family unit, where parents both live at the same address as the child.

3. Children living permanently in the Trust's catchment area. A map is available at the end of this policy.
4. Children currently attending a feeder primary school. The designated feeder schools and joint feeder schools are:

All Saints CE Primary School
Belvoirdale Primary School
Broom Leys Primary School (part of Lionheart Educational Trust)
Ellistown Community Primary School
Holy Cross Catholic Primary School
Hugglescote Primary School
Ibstock Junior School
Dove Bank Primary School
New Swannington Primary School
Saint Clare's Catholic Primary School
Swannington Primary School
Thringstone Primary School
Warren Hills Primary School



Whitwick St John the Baptist CE Primary School

Criterion 4 only applies to secondary schools within the Trust and NOT Broom Leys

5. Children starting at a primary school with a sibling attending at the same time in the feeder secondary school.

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6. Children of staff at the academies:

- where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
- the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

7. Children who live nearest to Trust academy that they are applying to 'as the crow flies'. Measurement of distance of up to three decimal places will be in a straight line from the centre point of the home property to the



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school's main designated front gate, using a computerised geo-coded mapping system.

8. Where a child lives for part of the week with one parent and for part of the week with the other parent, the address recognised by the Academy for the purposes of an application for a school place is the one where the child lives that is the address where the child permanently spends at least three 'school' nights (that is, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) will be taken to be the place of residence.