



Consultation on proposed Admission Arrangements for:

- Emmbrook Infant School for entry into Reception from September 2025**
- Emmbrook Junior School for entry into Year 2 from September 2025**

Introduction

Emmbrook Infant School and Emmbrook Junior School are academy schools. The Circle Trust is the admission authority for both schools. When an admission authority wishes to make changes to their admission arrangements, they must consult to ensure all views are heard. As the schools are newly converted academies joining The Circle Trust, we are proposing to amend both of their admission arrangements for Emmbrook Infant School and Emmbrook Junior School to bring them in line with the other schools in the trust and ensure continuity across the trust. The Circle Trust is consulting on changes to the admission arrangements for Emmbrook Infant School and Emmbrook Junior School, for which the main changes affecting admission of pupils are as follows:

Proposed changes to the oversubscribed criteria:

- Introduce a criterion for children of staff employed at Emmbrook Infant School
- Introduce a criterion for children of staff employed at Emmbrook Junior School
- Change the order of the oversubscription criteria to consider those siblings of children in the school before those living within the designated area of the school for both Emmbrook Infant School and Emmbrook Junior School

Why are we proposing these changes?

The schools wish to retain and recruit the very best teachers for our students, to deliver high quality lessons and support. However, the recruitment and retention of staff is increasingly difficult against a backdrop of a national shortage of teachers. To help attract skilled and knowledgeable staff to key positions and to retain staff for the medium to long term, we wish to add children of staff to our oversubscribed criteria.

As Emmbrook Infant School and Emmbrook Junior School have become more popular in recent years, families well known to the schools have been disadvantaged as they are unable to secure a place for a younger sibling. As the schools are rooted in the community, we wish to continue our work with families who have older siblings

at the school but live further away from the school. Therefore, we wish to change our oversubscribed criteria in relation to siblings.

Copies of the proposed arrangements can be obtained from the Emmbrook Infant School website <https://emmbrookinfantschool.co.uk/> and from the Emmbrook Junior School website <https://emmbrookjuniorschool.co.uk/>

How can you respond?

We would like to hear your views on these proposals. Please send any comments regarding the above proposed changes by emailing to:

consultation.education@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Please mark your email with either:

EMMBROOK INFANT SCHOOL CONSULTATION

Or

EMMBROOK JUNIOR SCHOOL CONSULTATION

The consultation takes place between **06 November 2023 and 18 December 2023**

What happens next?

After the consultation closes the responses will be collated and presented to the Admissions Committee at The Circle Trust who will decide whether or not to proceed with the proposed changes and determine the admission arrangements. The outcome will be published on the school's website by 15 March 2024.