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## Admissions Policy consultation letter

### Consultation on admission arrangements for 2024/2025 – **The Rushmere Park Academy**

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on the Academy's admissions policy. The consultation period will run from 1<sup>st</sup> November until 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022; during this time, parents are invited to express their views and any concerns about admission arrangements at The Rushmere Park Academy.

In accordance with the DfE's 2014 statutory 'School Admissions Code' guidance, as a school we must consult on our admission arrangements when changes are proposed, and at least once every seven years.

#### Changes are proposed

To this end, the following amendments to our admission arrangements have been proposed:

- Children of staff

To obtain a place under the children of staff rule, the staff member must be employed by The Shared Learning Trust and work at any one of our academies.

This is being proposed to help recruit and retain staff and not restrict children to only being able to attend the academy their parent is based at.

A full version of the proposed changes to the admission arrangements, as well as the rationale behind them, is available to view on the school website or in hard form from the Admissions Manager at the address above.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party at The Rushmere Park Academy, we are keen to hear your views on the current admission arrangements; therefore, we invite you to participate in the consultation if you have any concerns regarding the matter.

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All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before 12pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to:

[academyadmissions@thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk](mailto:academyadmissions@thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk)

Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address, and relationship to the school. You are also encouraged to provide feedback on the LA's website here: [School admissions \(luton.gov.uk\)](http://School admissions (luton.gov.uk)).

At the end of the consultation period, the Board of Trustees will meet to consider responses. The outcome of the consultation will be published on the school website as soon as possible following a decision being reached by the board. Hard copies of the final report will be made available on request to all respondents of the consultation.

For further information regarding the consultation process, please refer to our proposal document, copies of which can be located on the school website or in hard copy from main reception at The Rushmere Park Academy. If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact Central Admissions on 01582 811515 Or by email to [academyadmissions@thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk](mailto:academyadmissions@thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk).

### **Specialist Resource Provision**

The Shared Learning Trust (TLST), in conjunction with Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) is opening a specialist provision for children with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) at The Rushmere Park Academy in the autumn term 2022.

Those considered appropriate for admission based on EHC Needs assessment will be referred through the CBC SEND Team. The decision to admit will be taken by an appropriate Team Manager following consultation undertaken in compliance with S39 (6) Students and Families Act 2014.

**Please contact your SEN Office at Central Bedfordshire Council to request consultation.**

Yours faithfully

Kevin Martin  
Chief Operating Officer

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