



OUTCOME of
Consultation on Proposed Admission
Arrangements for
Peacehaven Community School
from September 2026

Background

Between 11/11/2024 and 23/12/2024 Peacehaven Community School consulted and invited views on the proposed changes to the Admissions Policy from September 2026 from;

- a) parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen
- b) other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions
- c) all other admission authorities within the relevant area (except that primary schools need not consult secondary schools)
- d) whichever of the governing body and the local authority is not the admission authority
- e) any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority.

Proposed changes to the oversubscription criteria and tiebreaker

The school consulted to alter the Admissions Oversubscription Criteria and Tiebreaker. The proposal also included updates to the wording of the policy and layout to ensure clarity of the process for parents/carers whilst maintaining compliance with the Admissions code.

1. Proposal to restrict the application of the sibling link so that children living within the community area are a higher priority than siblings living outside the community area
This change is being proposed to ensure we remain a community school, supporting the families in the local community and helping to ensure that children are able to attend their nearest local school.

2. Proposal to change the measurement of the home to school distance tie-break from shortest walking distance to straight line
By changing the measurement system to be a straight-line measurement from school to the applicant's home we will come in line with how most other East Sussex Schools and the Local Authority (for schools within their control) measure distance.

The current method of shortest walking route via surfaced passable routes presents some considerable challenges such as keeping up with new building projects and keeping the online routing network up to date. The Local Authority who carry this measurement out on our behalf have recommended this change given the difficulties that the existing method can cause. The Local Authority has confirmed to us that they will not be supporting our current method of measurement in the coming years.

Outcome

After the consultation closed the responses and views were collated and presented to the schools Governing body for discussion. The meeting took place on 3rd February 2025.

Following full consideration and discussion the Governing body made the decision to proceed with the proposed changes and determine the admission arrangements as it was agreed that;

1 The restriction of the application of the sibling link so that children living within the community area are a higher priority than siblings living outside the community area will help to ensure that we remain a community school by supporting the families in the local community to attend their nearest local school.

2. Straight line measurement is a more accurate form of measurement when compared to shortest walking route via surfaced passable routes and will ensure that the school will come in line with how most other East Sussex Schools and the Local Authority (for schools within their control) measure distance.

Copies of the determined arrangements can be obtained from the Peacehaven Community School website.