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Dear Parents and Carers

Today the governors are launching a 6-week consultation regarding the school's admission arrangements. The proposed change is related to the school's over-subscription criteria. The over-subscription criteria are used to rank applications for school places in the event of there being more applications for a school place than there are places available.

Please see below for an explanation of the proposed change and the governors' rationale for proposing this change. If adopted, this change to our over-subscription criteria will not come into effect until September 2024. It will not affect children who are already attending Leaffield C.E. Primary School.

Existing Over-Subscription Criteria (To be used for 2023 to 2024 admissions arrangements)	Proposal for New Over-Subscription Criteria (To be used from September 2024)
1 Looked-after children and children who were previously looked after, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside England, but ceased to be so as a result of being adopted. (See Note 2)	1 Looked-after children and children who were previously looked after, including those children who appear to have been in state care outside England, but ceased to be so as a result of being adopted. (See Note 2)
2 Families who have exceptional medical or social needs that make it essential that their child attends Leaffield C.E. Primary School rather than any other. These needs must be fully supported by written evidence from the appropriate professional person involved with the family. (See Note 3)	2 Families who have exceptional medical or social needs that make it essential that their child attends Leaffield CE Primary School rather than any other. These needs must be fully supported by written evidence from the appropriate professional person involved with the family. (See Note 3)
3 Children with a normal home address (See Note 4) in the catchment area (see map) and with a sibling (see Note 5) on the roll of the school at the time of application or whose parent has accepted an offer of a place at the school and who is expected still to be in attendance at the time of entry to the school.	3 Children with a normal home address (See Note 4) in the catchment area (see map) and with a sibling (see Note 5) on the roll of the school at the time of application or whose parent has accepted an offer of a place at the school and who is expected still to be in attendance at the time of entry to the school.
4 Children with a normal home address in the catchment area (see map).	4 Children with a normal home address in the catchment area.
5 Children with a normal home address outside the catchment area (see map) <u>and</u> with a sibling on the roll of the school at the time of application or whose parent has accepted an offer of a place at the school and who is expected still to be in attendance at the time of entry to the school.	5 Children of a staff member, (see note 7) (who 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, or where a member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage)
6 Children of a member of staff who 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, or where a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.	6 Children with a normal home address outside the catchment area (see map) <u>and</u> with a sibling on the roll of the school at the time of application or whose parent has accepted an offer of a place at the school and who is expected still to be in attendance at the time of entry to the school.
7 Other children.	7 Other children



*Let us not love with words or speech
but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18*

For information, the full proposed Admissions Policy for September 2024 is attached (which includes the Notes and Map referred to above). The current Admissions policies can be found on the School website (www.leafield.oxon.sch.uk).

Why are the governors proposing these changes to the over-subscription criteria?

Our aims as a school are to provide excellence, nurture enthusiasm and build confidence in all our pupils. As part of our commitment to excellent education we are committed to recruiting, valuing, and retaining high-quality staff to support the stability and wellbeing of the school and all of its pupils. Therefore, the governors are proposing to adjust our-subscription criteria to support applications from staff (who have worked at the school for more than two years or for which there is a demonstrable school shortage). Applications for children who live within the normal catchment area would not be affected.

How do I respond to this consultation?

Any comments or objections can be made to Mrs Louise Kenny our School Business Manager by emailing the school office at: office.3124@leafield.oxon.sch.uk or writing to Leafield CE Primary School, The Green, Leafield, OX29 9NP by Monday 30th January 2023.

Yours sincerely

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