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Comberton Village College

ADMISSION POLICY

SEPTEMBER 2021 – AUGUST 2022

Approved by Governors on 21st January 2020

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**CATCHMENT AREA FOR ADMISSION TO YEAR 7 AND 8**

Children living in the catchment areas of the following feeder primary schools: Barton, Barnabas Oley – Great Gransden, Bourn, Caldecote, Coton, Dry Drayton, Everton Heath, Gamlingay, Hardwick, Haslingfield, and Meridian, Comberton.

**CATCHMENT AREA FOR ADMISSION TO YEAR 9,10 AND 11**

Children living in the catchment areas of the following feeder primary schools: Barton, Barnabas Oley – Great Gransden, Bourn, Caldecote, Coton, Dry Drayton, Gamlingay, Hardwick, Haslingfield, and Meridian, Comberton.

**1) POLICY AND NUMBERS**

**Pupils will be admitted without reference to ability or aptitude.**

The Published Admission Number for **Year 7** for the year commencing 1 September 2021 will be 270

The Published Admission Number for **Year 8, 9, 10 and 11** for the year commencing 1 September 2021 will 240

**2) ADMISSIONS CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED IF PLACES ARE OVER-SUBSCRIBED**

Children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the College take priority over all applications. Those children with an Education, Health and Care Plan that do not name the College will be referred to the Statutory Assessment and Resources Team (S.T.A.R.T) to determine an appropriate place.

In the event of the number of applications exceeding the PAN, the criteria that follows will be used to determine the allocation of places:

- 1) Children in Care, also known as Looked After Children (LAC) to include those who were previously looked-after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a residence, or care arrangements order or special guardianship order.
- 2) Children living<sup>i</sup> in the catchment area<sup>ii</sup>, who attend one of the feeder primary schools listed above and who have a sibling<sup>1</sup> at the school at the time of admission. *Parents may contact the Local Authority (LA) if they are uncertain whether or not they reside in the catchment area.*
- 3) Children living<sup>1</sup> in the catchment<sup>2</sup> area and who have a sibling<sup>3</sup> at the school at the time of admission.
- 4) Children living<sup>1</sup> in the catchment<sup>2</sup> area and who attend one of the feeder primary schools listed above.
- 5) Other children living<sup>1</sup> in the catchment<sup>2</sup> area.

- 6) Children who live outside the catchment area, who attend a feeder primary school within it and who have a sibling<sup>3</sup> at the school at the time of admission.
- 7) Children who live outside the catchment area who have a sibling<sup>3</sup> at the school at the time of admission.
- 8) Children who live outside the catchment area who attend the primary schools within the catchment area.
- 9) Children of staff<sup>4</sup> employed at Comberton Village College at the time of application.
- 10) Children who live outside the catchment area.

If more applications are received than there are places under any of the over-subscription criteria then the places will be offered in order of distance from the home address to the relevant point, distance being measured in a straight line from the front door of the pupil's accommodation to the relevant point.

### The Cabin

The Cabin is a specialist provision built to accommodate children who have an Autistic Spectrum Condition and assessed by the appropriate panel to access education beyond mainstream schools. Our aim is for our students to attend a minimum of 90% of their mainstream classes and to ensure for them a whole school approach to the integration of ASC within the wider school community. We can accommodate 40 pupils in the Cabin, with a maximum of 10 in any one year group.

### **3) HOW TO APPLY FOR A PLACE IN YEAR 7**

The application process for admissions into year 7 is co-ordinated by Cambridgeshire Local Authority (LA), which acts on behalf of the governing body to offer places at the College. Parents should apply online at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions) or submit a Cambridgeshire Application Form, available from their child's primary school or from the LA Admissions team, no later than the LA deadline at the end of October. Offer letters will be issued by the LA on the National Offer Date (1<sup>st</sup> March or first working day after). Late applications (those submitted between the October deadline and the end of the co-ordination period) will be handled by the Admissions team.

For further information and specific dates, please refer to the full scheme for secondary co-ordination, available from the LA Admissions Team or from the website, [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions)

LA Admissions Team Contact: 0345 045 1370 or [admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

All parents are advised to read the 'Next Steps' Local Authority booklet for parents on secondary admissions. Parents wishing to visit the school prior to submitting an application are welcome to do so. However, this is not always possible to organise at short notice and visits are usually conducted in small groups. Visits are not interviews and do not affect any decision regarding the availability of a place. Please contact the school Admissions Officer to make arrangements.

<sup>1</sup> The home address is defined as the address of the adult with parental responsibility with whom the child normally lives and which applies at the time of application. Applications based on future addresses can only



be considered up to 6 teaching weeks before the child is expected to take up the place and upon confirmation of a minimum of six month tenancy agreement or exchange of contracts.

<sup>2</sup> A map showing the catchment area and/or further information can be obtained from the Local Authority.

<sup>3</sup> A sibling is defined as another child attending Comberton Village College or Comberton Sixth Form living in the same family home at the time of application.

<sup>4</sup> Staff are defined as those having a contract of employment with The Cam Academy Trust and working at Comberton Village College.

## **How places are offered**

For admission into year 7 in September 2021, the LA, on behalf of the Governing Body, will offer places to 270 children. This is the Published Admission Number (PAN) for that year group. In the event that more than 270 applications are received, the oversubscription criteria will be applied to determine priority for places. (See section 2)

### **4) HOW TO APPLY FOR PLACES IN YEARS 8, 9, 10 AND 11**

For applications for places in years 8, 9, 10 and 11 at any time of the year, a Local Authority 'in-year' application form must be completed and returned to the Local Authority Admissions team. See website [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions)

**In the event of over-subscription** the criteria set out above in Section 2, will be applied and places offered in accordance with those criteria.

Parents wishing to visit the school prior to submitting an application are welcome to do so. However, this is not always possible to organise at short notice and visits are usually conducted in small groups. Visits are not interviews and do not affect any decision regarding the availability of a place.

### **5) HOW TO APPLY FOR PLACES IN YEARS 12 AND 13**

For all issues relating to admission to years 12 and 13, please refer to the separate Admissions Policy for Comberton Sixth Form which is available on the Comberton Sixth Form website <http://www.combertonsixthform.org/>

### **6) OPERATION OF THE RESERVE LIST**

#### **Year 7 intake:**

As part of the co-ordinated scheme for secondary admissions, the LA Admissions team holds the initial reserve list on behalf of the governing body until the end of the autumn term in the initial year of intake. Parents will be contacted immediately if a place becomes available for their child but should be aware that their child's place on a reserve list may change if an application is subsequently received that meets a higher criterion than their own. If parents wish to remain on the waiting list until the end of August the following year, they need to inform the LA in writing by December.

#### **Mid-phase applications:**

Parents whose applications are not immediately successful will be held on the reserve list for that year group by the LA Admissions team on behalf of the governing body until the end of the academic year. All mid-phase applications should be co-ordinated with the LA Admissions team. Applications will be ordered on the list according to the over-subscription criteria and when places become available, they will be offered



accordingly. Parents should be aware that their place on the reserve list may vary if applications are subsequently received which meet a criterion higher on the list than their own.

*Parents wishing to remain on the list should contact the Local Authority.*

## **7) APPEALS**

The parent of any child who is refused a place at the school has a right of appeal to an independent Appeals Panel. The panel consists of three people who are independent of the school's Governing Body and the Local Authority. The panel will consider the circumstances of the case put before them. Both the Governing Body and the parents must abide by the decision it makes. Arrangements will comply with the Schools Admission Appeals Code found on the Cambridgeshire County Council website. Please go to the link below for further information:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/education/secondary/applyforsecondaryschool/secondaryadmissionappeals.htm>

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