

Statutory Consultation on proposed changes to Admission Arrangements

Statutory Consultation on proposed changes to the Admissions Arrangements for Comberton Village College to take effect from the beginning of the academic year 2026–27.

Each year the admission authority for all schools and academies is required to review their admission arrangements. The admission authority must consult on proposed changes to the admission arrangements and conduct a consultation on the policy every 7 years.

The admission authority for Comberton Village College is The Cam Academy Trust. The Trust has decided to consult on proposed changes to the school's admission arrangements which would take effect from the beginning of the academic year 2026-2027.

The policy has been updated to ensure ongoing compliance with statutory regulations.

The main changes proposed are that:

The over subscription criteria have been reduced from eleven priorities down to five. The aim of this is to simplify the admission process.

This means that the over-subscription criteria in the event that there are more applicants than places available would be applied in the following order:

1. Highest priority will be given to looked after children and all previously looked after children who apply for a place at Comberton Village College
2. Priority will next be given to children with siblings at Comberton Village College (excluding siblings attending Comberton Sixth Form). Siblings include step siblings, foster siblings, adopted siblings and other children living permanently at the same address. Priority will not be given to children with siblings who are former pupils of Comberton Village College.
3. Priority will be given to children who attend named feeder schools. Our named feeder primary schools are: Barton, Barnabas Oley, Great Gransden, Bourn, Caldecote, Coton, Dry Drayton, Everton Heath, Gamlingay, Hardwick and

Cambourne Community Primary School (those attending the Hardwick campus only), Haslingfield, Meridian, Comberton.

4. Priority will next be given to children living nearest to Comberton Village College, within the catchment area.
5. Priority will next be given to children of staff employed at Comberton Village College, in either of the following circumstances:
 - The member of staff has been employed at Comberton Village College for two or more years at the time at which the application to the school is made, or
 - The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage

The full admissions criteria including changes to catchment are available in the document below:

[Proposed Admission Policy for September 2026](#)

The consultation will run for 6 weeks from Thursday 17th October 2024.

Comberton Village College welcomes any comments on the proposed changes. Please send your comments to the school office making clear that they are for the attention of (FAO) the Clerk to the Governors via LThompson@combertonvc.org.

Or in writing to Clerk to the Governors, Comberton Village College, West St, Comberton, Cambridge CB23 7DU.