

Dear Parent/Carer

Consultation on Proposed Changes to the Admissions Arrangements of Brookfield Infant School and Brookfield Junior School

This year several children who had siblings that previously attended Brookfield Infant School were unable to secure a Reception place in the Infant admissions round. This is because the schools do not have linked admissions arrangements. Kent County Council (KCC) is proposing to seek the agreement of the Office of the Schools Adjudicator to amend the admissions arrangement to include a priority for siblings attending either of the schools. We would not want to explore this further unless there is strong public support for this from the local community.

We would very much welcome your feedback in order that we can help the Adjudicator take an informed decision. Any change would apply from September 2018, following a request to the Office of Schools Adjudicator to make an in year variation to the arrangements that were determined in February 2017.

Our proposal is to change the admissions arrangements of both schools, to create an admissions link between them. An admissions link will ensure that from September 2018, children in Brookfield Infant School have a priority for a place when applying for Brookfield Junior School. In addition, where families have a child on roll at Brookfield Junior School, they can apply under the sibling criteria when applying for a younger child to Brookfield Infant School (as long as the sibling link has not been broken). A copy of the proposed arrangements are attached with this letter.

KCC is proposing to create this link to provide parents with greater assurance that their children will have a clear educational pathway when joining Brookfield Infant School. It will also bring Brookfield Infant School and Brookfield Junior School's arrangements in line with other KCC Infant and Junior schools.

If you wish to comment on these proposals, please contact Kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk All comments received will be carefully considered before a decision is made on whether to request an in year variation to change the admissions arrangements or not. Any responses should be submitted by 21st July 2017.

Thank you in advance for your feedback.

Yours sincerely



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