



**December 2020**

**Turing House School**

**Consultation on admissions arrangements for entry to the school in September 2022**

The Russell Education Trust ('RET') is the admissions authority for Turing House. The Local Governing Body consider changes to the school's admissions policy and consult on these. Following consultation, the Governors report to RET on the outcome of the consultation and make recommendations before RET determine the final admissions policy.

The Local Governing Body of Turing House are now consulting on the admissions arrangements for entry to Year 7 and the Sixth Form from September 2022.

This consultation follows the procedure set by the Admissions Code 2014 ('The Code') and gives the local community the opportunity to provide their views on these proposed admission arrangements.

This consultation relates to proposed clarification and amendment of the following oversubscription criteria:

**Siblings**

The intention of our sibling criterion is to enable families to attend Turing House. To make this objective clearer, we propose to amend the current wording to clarify the status of priority for siblings and at what point this will be assessed in the admissions process. This is particularly important where a sibling is in Year 11 and their place in Sixth Form will be subject to meeting the academic entry criteria and course requirements. This uncertainty should not disadvantage a younger sibling in their own application.

As such, the wording has been updated to make clear that our sibling criterion applies to all siblings who are *on the roll* of the school in *any year group* at the *time of application*.

**Children of Staff**

Our 'Children of staff' criterion already prioritises the children of staff who have been employed at the school for two years at the time of application. We are clarifying the wording to make it clear that such staff are employed by RET rather than directly by the school.

In line with the wording set out at 1.39 b) of the Code, we also intend to expand this criterion to include the children of staff who are "*recruited to fill a vacant teaching post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage*" (which will be determined by the Headteacher with the Chair of Governors and CEO of RET).

The rationale for this addition is to take account of the challenging recruitment climate for teaching staff and to continue to encourage high quality applications for vacant posts, safeguard the outstanding education of our students and to support the recruitment and retention of staff who are committed to the school's ethos and its continued development and success.

**A copy of the proposed policy for admission to Year 7 from September 2022 is enclosed with this consultation document.**

### **Sixth Form Policy**

#### **Siblings**

To support our intention for families to attend Turing House, we propose to include the sibling criterion as a new addition to the Sixth Form oversubscription criterion for external applicants. This would allow older siblings not already attending the school, to have priority for Turing House Sixth Form where they have a sibling on our roll (subject to meeting the academic criteria, including course requirements).

The wording of the sibling criterion will mirror the Year 7 policy as set out above.

#### **Children of Staff**

The proposed changes set out in this consultation to the 'Children of Staff' criterion will also apply to our Sixth Form Policy.

**A copy of the proposed policy for admission to the Sixth Form from September 2022 is enclosed with this consultation document.**

We are keen to hear views from the local community who are likely to be affected by the proposed changes and are consulting interested parties in accordance with the Code.

For schools, if appropriate and by whatever means you feel most suitable, please make the parents/carers of children in your school aware that this consultation is taking place.

The statutory six-week consultation period will run from **9th December 2020 to 20th January 2021**.

Please send any responses addressed to me at:  
**[admissions.consultation@turinghouseschool.org.uk](mailto:admissions.consultation@turinghouseschool.org.uk)**.

A paper copy of the consultation documents can be requested from the school and they are also available on the school's website [www.turinghouseschool.org.uk](http://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk).

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