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Turing House School - Consultation on admissions arrangements for entry to the school in September 2026.

Background

The Russell Education Trust ('RET') is the admissions authority for Turing House School. The school's Local Governing Body considers changes to the school's admissions policy and consults on these. This document reports on the outcome of the consultation and makes recommendations to the RET Board of Trustees before formal determination of the policy.

The Local Governing Body of Turing House School have recently consulted on the admissions arrangements for entry to Year 7 and the Sixth Form from September 2026. The consultation followed the procedure set by the Admissions Code 2021 ('The Code') and gave the local community the opportunity to provide their views on the proposed admission arrangements. The consultation period ran from **Tuesday 10 December 2024 – Monday 28 January 2025**. The consultation was published on the school's website for the duration of the consultation period and interested parties and appropriate bodies were consulted in accordance with 1.47 of the Code. This report confirms the outcome of the consultation.

The following amendments were proposed:

Year 7 Admissions Policy:

- 1. It was proposed that the word "teaching" be removed from criterion 5ii so that it is becomes inclusive of school support staff as well as teaching staff i.e. "The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant teaching post for which there is a demonstratable skill shortage (determined by the Headteacher with the Chair of Governors and CEO of RET)."
- 2. It was proposed that the current criterion 3 is removed, as it is no longer required: i.e. "Children whose parents have been granted Founders' Status of the school by the Secretary of State."

Sixth Form Admissions Policy:

As with the Year 7 Admissions Policy, the same change is proposed to the Sixth Form Admissions Policy relating to the Children of Staff criterion to remove the word "teaching" from criterion 4ii so that it becomes inclusive of support staff and teaching staff.

Summary of Responses:

One (1) response was received relating to the proposal to modify the staff criteria. It was from a Turing House parent and was supportive of the change on the grounds that it would help to attract good quality staff.

Eleven (11) responses were received from residents in the Whitton area requesting that the proportion of children admitted from the on-site admissions point (criterion 5a) be increased. However, this is not something that is currently being considered. The rationale for the school's distance criteria is outlined on the school's <u>website</u> and has been confirmed by the Schools' Adjudicator to be fair and reasonable.

Outcome of Consultation

The Local Governing body considered the responses received to the consultation at their meeting on 4 February 2025. They recommended to the RET Board of Trustees that the proposed changes be implemented.

Decision

The RET Board of Trustees have determined the Admissions Arrangements for entry to Year 7 and the Sixth Form in September 2026 and in accordance with the Code, the outcome of the consultation and the determined policies have been published, and appropriate bodies notified.

28 February 2025

