

Consultation on Admissions Policies for 2026-27 and beyond for:

**Orchard Mead Academy
Rushey Mead Academy
Kibworth Mead Academy**

Consultation timeline

4 November 2024 Start consultation
20 December 2024 Finish consultation

Proposed changes

The Mead Educational Trust (TMET) is proposing changes to the admissions policies for the admissions arrangements for the 2025-26 academic year and subsequent years for:

- Orchard Mead Academy
- Rushey Mead Academy
- Kibworth Mead Academy

The proposed policies are presented here.

Pupil Premium oversubscription criterion

This proposed change to each policy is the addition of:

Criterion 5: x children whose home address is in the catchment area of the School and are eligible for the Pupil Premium. Note 4 has been added to each policy to clarify how this criterion is applied.

The number of children in this criterion differs across the schools depending on the planned application number (PAN) and the average percentage of Pupil Premium children across the Local Authority.

For the city schools (Orchard and Rushey Mead Academies), we propose to set it at 37.5% of PAN to match the percentage used for Castle and Brook Mead Academies (which have had a Pupil Premium oversubscription criterion in place since they opened).

For Kibworth Mead Academy, we will set it at 18% of PAN to reflect the overall level of Pupil Premium children across secondary schools in Leicestershire County.

	PAN	%	Proposed number of places for Pupil Premium in oversubscription criterion
Orchard Mead Academy	210	37.5	79
Rushey Mead Academy	324	37.5	122
Kibworth Mead Academy	180	18	32

Rationale for Pupil Premium oversubscription criterion

TMET has signed up for the Sutton Trust's [Fair School Admissions pledge](#). This aims to ensure that all young people, regardless of their background, have a fair opportunity to attend top-performing

secondary schools. By joining this pledge, TMET has committed to developing admissions policies that promote equal opportunities for all pupils.

As part of the pledge, TMET has undertaken to include Pupil Premium pupils in the oversubscription criteria for our secondary schools. The aim is for the school population to reflect its local community.

Castle and Brook Mead Academies have had an oversubscription criterion for Pupil Premium pupils since they opened as free schools in 2019 and 2021 respectively. Therefore, this consultation is to amend the oversubscription criteria for the other three TMET secondary schools to match those of Castle and Brook Mead.

Consultation responses

The consultation period runs from 4 November 2024 to 20 December 2024 and allows anyone with an interest (for example parents, other schools and the local community) to comment about the proposed admission arrangements. You can comment by:

- Writing to: Cathy Brown, The Mead Educational Trust, The Mead Centre, 343 Gipsy Lane, Leicester LE4 9DD

OR

- Emailing: admissions@tmet.uk