



## CONSULTATION 2018: SIR WILLIAM BORLASE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

### Draft Admissions Policy including proposed catchment change 2020

#### Summary and clarification of key points.

Sir William Borlase's Grammar School proposes a number of Key Changes to its Admissions Policy for children entering the school in September 2020. These are aligned to our successful bid for expansion where certain conditions were put in place as part of the DfE agreement. This is a summary of the main changes:

In response to the Department for Education's programme to expand Grammar Schools, the school proposes to increase entry into Year 7 by one form; this will mean 30 new places will be available for Year 7 children joining the school in September 2020. The PAN for Year 7 will therefore increase from 120 to 150. The PAN for Year 9 will remain at 25 for two more years. From September 2022 there will be no PAN for Year 9. The table below illustrates the total projected numbers over time.

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
<b>Y7</b>	120	120	150	150	150	150	150	150
<b>Y8</b>	120	120	120	150	150	150	150	150
<b>Y9</b>	145	145	145	145	150	150	150	150
<b>Y10</b>	145	145	145	145	145	150	150	150
<b>Y11</b>	145	145	145	145	145	145	150	150
<b>Y12</b>	145 (+ 45 externals)	145 (+ 45 external)	145 (+ 45 external)	145 (+ 45 external)	145 (+ 45 external)	145(+ 45 external)	145 (+45 external)	150 (+ 45 external)
<b>Y13</b>	145 (+ 45 external)	145 (+ 45 external)	145 (+ 45 external)	145 (+ 45 external)	145 (+ 45 external)	145 (+ 45 external)	145 (+45 external)	145 (+ 45 external)

#### **Please read the full Draft Policy for details.**

The school supports the Department for Education's aim to widen access to a Grammar School to children eligible for Pupil Premium. In creating 30 new places, the school proposes to prioritise 10 of them for children eligible for Pupil Premium, who live in catchment and who did not achieve 121 in the standardised transfer test, but who achieved 110 or more.

A full definition of what is meant by Pupil Premium for the purpose of this criterion is given in the policy.

#### **Please see full Draft Policy for details on how to apply for these places.**

## **2.1 Oversubscription Criteria**

2 - This now recognises the 10 additional places mentioned above.

4 - The school proposes to prioritise up to 15 places for children living in the area indicated on the catchment map for children in an area where there is a risk of not accessing a grammar school place. Buckinghamshire County Council have identified that some children in these rural areas are unable each year to access a grammar school or a grammar school they can easily reach by public transport.

This is in line with a decision by the Office of the Schools Adjudicator (OSA), as there is a foreseeable risk that girls living in that area would not be offered a school place or would have to travel a disproportionately long journey to another school if denied admission to their sole catchment school due to the rising population in High Wycombe.

These places are applied for via the usual coordinated admissions process via your home Local Authority. **(See full Draft Policy and Catchment Map on Website)**

5 - The governors have inserted an additional rule in accordance with The Admissions Code, to support the school in its aim to recruit and retain the best staff, recognising the challenges of recruitment nationally and in Buckinghamshire.

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The application process for children with exceptional medical needs is clarified.

## **2.2 Waiting Lists up to 31 December, Year 7**

This procedure has been clarified at the request of the DfE School Admission Team on 4 December 2018.

The rule on Looked After Children has been clarified.

**3. Late Transfer Procedure** – Years 10 and 11 have been added in compliance with the Admission Code.

**3.2 September Admission** – Years 10 and 11 have been added in compliance with the Admission Code.

**3.4 Immediate Admission** - Years 10 and 11 have been added in compliance with the Admission Code.

## **3.5 Late Transfer Oversubscription Criteria**

New rules are included making Late Transfer Oversubscription Criteria the same as 2.1 **with Rules 3 and 4 of 2.1 applying only to Year 7 in 2020)**

2. inserted “living within catchment”

### **3.6 Late Transfer Waiting List**

Clarification of procedure in response to question from DfE School Admissions Team on 4 December 2018.

Clarification that for Late Entry Transfer into Year 7 2020 before 1 January only, the Section 2.1 Oversubscription criteria for September 2020 Year 7 will apply. After this date Late Entry Oversubscription criteria will apply.

**4.1 Sixth Form Entry Criteria** – this has been changed from 6.5 to 6.4 in response to first results with new levels.

There has been clarification inserted for pupils with international qualifications.

4.1a This has been removed in response to request from DfE School Admissions Team  
4/12/18

#### **4.2 Sixth Form Oversubscription Criteria**

The governors have inserted an additional rule in accordance with The Admissions Code, to support the school in its aim to recruit and retain the best staff, recognising the challenges of recruitment nationally and in Buckinghamshire.

#### **7.3 Catchment**

The school proposes to extend its catchment area to include rural villages in the West Wycombe area (i.e. Stokenchurch, Lane End and the nearby villages). This is in line with a decision by the Office of the Schools Adjudicator (OSA), as there is a foreseeable risk that girls living in that area would not be offered a school place or would have to travel a disproportionately long journey to another school if denied admission to their sole catchment school due to the rising population in High Wycombe. To make this change effective and ensure places are accessible to children in rural parts of the catchment, up to 15 places have been prioritised. (See full draft Admissions Policy for details and Catchment Maps on Website)

12 Clarification of Fair Protocol process.

**Please read full Draft Policy for 2020 for full details.**

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