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Dear Parents and Carers

Admissions Policy for Reception entry from September 2020 onwards

It is a legal requirement for all schools to review their admissions policy, and criteria in the event of the over subscription of places available in the school. This should occur every seven years, and will be conducted for our school alongside the Local Authority review of their policy.

In line with the Local Authority, there is a slight proposed change in the over subscription criteria. This criteria is only used if more than 20 children in Reception put down High Ercall as their first preference school. If this was the case, the criteria would follow in order and the proposal agreed by our Governing Body is as follows:

Proposed oversubscription criteria for 2020/21 for High Ercall Primary School
1 Those children who are or were previously looked after by Telford & Wrekin or any other local authority, A 'looked after child', or a child who was previously looked after, but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. Children previously in state care outside of England and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted, and then
2 Children who live in the school's defined attendance area. If places are unavailable for all of these local children, then places will be given first to:
a) those children who have exceptional health reasons where there is written medical evidence that admission to the school is essential for their medical well being; and then
b) those children who will have on the day of admission a brother(s), sister(s), step brother(s), step sister(s), half brother(s) or half sister(s) living as a family at the same address and who attend the school;
c) other children living in the school's attendance area.
3. Children of staff – where the member of staff has been employed for more than two years and / or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacancy where there is a demonstrable skill shortage
4. Any places which remain available will then be allocated to applicants from outside the school's defined attendance area in the priority order a) to b)

The proposed change in point 1 is a recommendation made by the DFE and is related to a very small number of children, previously in state care outside of England and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Point 3 is a local change which could support the school in our rural location should there ever be a staffing shortage.

The consultation period for these proposals is for 6 weeks, ending on 18th January. If you have any questions with regards to this proposal, please contact me in school. If you would like to submit a written response for consideration, then please mark it for my attention.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Roberts