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To Whom it May Concern;

Ref: School Admissions Consultation

Telford & Wrekin Council is consulting on proposals to amend the admission policy for its community and voluntary controlled schools for the 2020 to 2021 academic year. The details on the changes being consulted on can be found within the link below:

http://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/7897/proposed_school_admission_arrangements_-_2020_-_2021

The proposed schemes, consultation and recommendations in the report are consistent with the Council's statutory duties, as set out in the most recent revision of the School Admissions Code (Dec 2014). The Council is addressing the rising need for school places and ensuring that both its school admission and school place planning arrangements work in harmony.

As an Academy, Redhill Primary is its own admission authority, but has elected to align with the Local Authority for the admissions consultation 2020-2021 process, reviewing the school's oversubscription criteria in line with other community and voluntary controlled schools. The consultation period will run from 26th November 2018 through to 18th January 2019.

The Academy are proposing the following **admission criteria**. Proposed changes are marked in **red**.

Children with an **Education, Health and Care Plan** which names the school will be allocated places.

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**. All these children are known as children in care and will be offered places.

In the case of oversubscription, children who live in the Academy's defined **catchment area**, and who live closest to the Academy, measured by straight line distance to the school, will be offered places in this order:

1. Pupils living in the identified catchment area with the presence of a sibling at the Academy, at the start date of the admittance.
2. Pupils living in the identified catchment area.

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3. Pupils who have a parent employed within the Academy.

Any places which remain available, will then be allocated to applicants from outside the school's defined catchment area, as measured by a straight line distance to the school, in this order:

4. Pupils living out of the catchment area with the presence of a sibling at the Academy, at the start date of admittance.
5. Pupils living out of the catchment area nearest to the Academy.

The definitions of sibling may be a brother or sister, 'half-siblings', adopted child, child of parent/carer, or civil partnership child who lives at the same address. Where a member of staff wishes their child to be admitted to the Academy, they must have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of the application, or be a member of staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a skill shortage.

In addition to the review of the oversubscription criteria, we are consulting on the change to the Academy's **catchment area**. Please refer to the map on page 11 of the Telford and Wrekin consultation documents outlining the council's proposed shared catchment area. There are currently two schools serving the Redhill/Priorslee area: Redhill Primary Academy and Priorslee Primary Academy. The council has outlined in its report, that there are substantial housing developments scheduled for the north-eastern part of the borough and have in place an S106 Agreement affirming the provision of a primary school within this area to accommodate 210 additional pupils in the first instance. The Council are proposing that a new catchment area be determined in the north east of the borough to incorporate the existing catchment areas for Redhill and Priorslee Primary Academies and the area around the new housing development in the north-eastern part of the borough.

All stakeholders can respond to the consultation via e-mail at redhill@redhillprimary.co.uk. In February 2019, the Academy will consider the results of the consultation and make a final decision on the proposed admission arrangements for 2020/2021. If approved, the admission arrangements will be introduced for the start of the academic year in September 2020.

Yours faithfully,

Claire Lamb
Headteacher