Consultation on Admissions Arrangements

Statutory Seven-Year Consultation

Shoreham Village School

Consultation Period: 2nd November 2026 to 11th December 2026
Admissions Authority: The Pioneer Academy

Introduction

The Pioneer Academy is consulting on the admissions arrangements for Shoreham Village School.

The School Admissions Code requires admission authorities to consult on their admission arrangements at least once every seven years, even where no changes are proposed. This consultation provides an opportunity for parents, carers, schools and the wider community to review the school's admissions policy and provide feedback before the arrangements are formally determined.

At this stage, no substantive changes are proposed to the admissions policy. The purpose of this consultation is to meet the statutory consultation requirement and to invite comments on the current admissions arrangements.

About the Admissions Arrangements

The admissions arrangements set out:

- The Published Admission Number (PAN).
- The oversubscription criteria used when there are more applications than places available.
- How applications are processed.
- Information about waiting lists and appeals.
- Any admissions priorities that apply.

A copy of the proposed admissions arrangements for September 2028 is available:

- On the school's website.
- From the school office on request.
- By contacting office@shoreham.kent.sch.uk

Purpose of the Consultation

The Trust wishes to ensure that the admissions arrangements remain:

- Clear and easy for parents to understand.
- Fair and transparent.
- Compliant with the School Admissions Code.
- Appropriate for the local community.

We welcome feedback on any aspect of the admissions arrangements.

Who Can Respond?

We welcome responses from:

- Parents and carers.
- Prospective parents.
- Pupils.
- School staff.
- Governors and trustees.
- Local residents.
- Other schools and academies.
- The Local Authority.
- Community organisations.
- Any other interested parties.

Matters on Which We Are Seeking Views

We would particularly welcome comments on:

- Whether the admissions arrangements are clear and understandable.
- Whether the oversubscription criteria are fair.
- Whether the admissions arrangements support local families.
- Whether there are any equality or accessibility considerations the Trust should take into account.
- Any suggested improvements.

How to Respond

We welcome comments, observations and feedback on the proposal.

Responses should be submitted by 11th December 2026 using one of the following methods:

Online

Consultation on Admissions arrangements – Fill in form

Email

consultation@thepioneeracademy.co.uk

Post

Shoreham Village School, Church Street

Please include:

- Your name (optional)
- Organisation (if applicable)
- Your response to the proposal
- Any additional comments or evidence you wish the Trust to consider

What Happens Next?

After the consultation closes:

1. All responses will be reviewed.
2. Trustees will consider any issues raised.
3. The admissions arrangements will be determined by the Trust Board.
4. The final admissions arrangements will be published on the school's website.

A summary of the consultation findings will also be made available.