

Annex B

REQUIREMENTS IN RELATION TO THE ADMISSION OF PUPILS TO THE UFFCULME ACADEMY TRUST

GENERAL

1. This annex may be amended in writing at any time by agreement between the Secretary of State and the Academy Trust.
2. The Academy Trust will act in accordance with, and will ensure that an Independent Appeal Panel is trained to act in accordance with, all relevant provisions of the School Admissions Code and the School Admission Appeals Code published by the Department for Education (“the Codes”) as they apply at any given time to maintained schools and with equalities law and the law on admissions as they apply to maintained schools. For this purpose, reference in the Codes or law to “admission authorities” shall be deemed to be references to the governing body of the Academy Trust.
3. Notwithstanding the generality of paragraph 2 of this Annex B, the Academy Trust will take part in the Admissions Forum set up by the LA and have regard to its advice; and will participate in the co-ordinated admission arrangements operated by the LA and the local in-year fair access protocol.
4. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement, the Secretary of State may:
 - (a) direct the Academy Trust to admit a named pupil to the Uffculme Academy Trust on application from a local authority. This will include complying with a School Attendance Order. Before doing so the Secretary of State will consult the Academy Trust.
 - (b) direct the Academy Trust to admit a named pupil to the Uffculme Academy Trust if the Academy Trust has failed to act in accordance with this Annex or has otherwise failed to comply with applicable admissions and equalities legislation or the provisions of the Codes.
 - (c) direct the Academy Trust to amend its admission arrangements where they fail to comply with the School Admissions Code or the Admission Appeals Code.

Academies.

5. The Academy Trust shall ensure that parents and ‘relevant children’¹

¹ relevant children’ means:

- a) in the case of appeals for entry to a sixth form, the child, and;
- b) in any other case, children who are above compulsory school age, or will be above compulsory school age by the time they start to receive education at the school.

will have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision of the Academy Trust. The Independent Appeal Panel will be independent of the Academy Trust. The arrangements for appeals will comply with the School Admission Appeals Code published by the Department for Education as it applies to Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools. The determination of the appeal panel is binding on all parties.

Relevant Area

6. Subject to paragraph 7, the meaning of “Relevant Area” for the purposes of consultation requirements is that determined by the local authority for maintained schools in the area (in accordance with the meaning of “Relevant Area” within the School Admissions Code).

7. If the Academy does not consider this meaning to be appropriate, it must apply to the Secretary of State by 1 August for a determination of the appropriate relevant area for the Academy, setting out the reasons for this view. The Secretary of State will consult the Academy and its LA in reaching a decision.

Requirement to admit pupils

8. Pupils on roll in any predecessor maintained school will transfer automatically to the Academy on opening. All children already offered a place at any predecessor school will be admitted.

Please note – this annex may require further minor amendment to take account of the different roles of various parties under the FA when compared to the contents of the School Admissions Code.