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The SWAN Trust Admissions Policy Consultation for 2026-27

The SWAN Trust, as the admission authority for all schools within the Multi Academy Trust (MAT), are conducting a full consultation on the determined admission arrangements, including proposed changes, for all of the schools within the Trust for September 2026.

The Schools are:

- Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery, Woking, Surrey
- Beaufort Primary School, Woking, Surrey
- Goldsworth Primary School, Woking Surrey
- The Hermitage Infant School, Woking, Surrey previously The Oaktree School, Woking, Surrey
- The Hermitage Junior School, Woking, Surrey previously The Hermitage School, Woking, Surrey
- The Horsell Village School, Woking, Surrey
- Kingfield Primary School, Woking, Surrey
- Knaphill Lower School, Woking Surrey
- The Knaphill School, Woking, Surrey – to reduce the Published Admissions Number (PAN) from 90 to 60
- St John's Primary School, Woking, Surrey

Full details of the consultation and the changes being proposed are attached. Comments are invited on any aspect of the proposed Admissions Policy for the ten schools.

In particular, the proposed changes from the 2026/7 policies are as follows:

The Knaphill School (Junior) wishes to reduce its PAN from 90 to 60. The Knaphill School educates children aged 7 – 11 years. For entry into Year 3 during the 2026/27 academic year, The Knaphill School is consulting to reduce our Year 3 PAN to 60. Our rationale is the number of Reception children who joined Knaphill Lower School in 2024 is currently 45, and the previous year was 46. Surrey County Council's most recent projections suggest an over-supply of Year 3 places in the Knaphill/St John area of over 50 in 2025, over 48 in 2026 and over 69 by 2027. In addition, we are also aware that other schools in this area have not managed to fill all their school places. This leads us to conclude that we are unlikely to be in a position where we will reach PAN in the foreseeable future. Therefore, the most cost-effective option for the school at this stage, ensuring the money we receive is spent on the children in the school, is to reduce our PAN to 60 and run two classes rather than three. This change would then put us in line with Knaphill Lower School to ensure all the children at Knaphill Lower School would be offered a place at The Knaphill School. The Trust will continue reviewing the PAN, and discussing the possibility of bulge classes, if necessary, with Surrey County Council.



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And standardisation of criteria three, four and five.

Consultation responses should be made in writing no later than 12 noon on Friday 20th January 2025. Anyone wishing to submit their views can email The SWAN Trust at admin@swantrust.co.uk or in writing to Elaine Cooper, CEO, The SWAN Trust, c/o Beaufort Primary School, Kirkland Avenue, Woking, Surrey, GU21 3RG.

After the closing date, responses will then be considered by The SWAN Trust Board of Trustees and the admissions arrangements determined by no later than 29th January 2025. Once the Board has considered all the responses the determined admission arrangements will be placed on The SWAN Trust’s website at www.swantrust.co.uk.

For entry into Reception (or Year 3 for The Knaphill School (Junior)) during the 2026/27 academic year the **main changes are:-**

Standardisation of criteria

Our proposed admissions arrangements for 2026/27 are set out below, the main change is the switch of criteria three and four. Changes are shown by the word (proposed).

Summary of the changes in Oversubscription criteria

	Goldsworth	Knaphill Lower	Knaphill	St. John’s
1	LAC/PLAC	LAC/PLAC	LAC/PLAC	LAC/PLAC
2	Exceptional social/medical needs	Exceptional social/medical needs	Exceptional social/medical needs	Exceptional social/medical needs
3	Siblings (proposed)	Siblings (proposed)	Siblings (proposed)	Siblings (proposed)
4	Children of staff at the school (proposed)	Children of staff at the school (proposed)	Children of staff at the school (proposed)	Children of staff at the school (proposed)
5	Any other children	Any other children (proposed)	Children attending Knaphill Lower School (proposed)	Any other children
6			Any other children (proposed)	

Our admissions arrangements for **entry into Reception** (or Year 3 for The Hermitage Junior School) during the 2026/27 academic year **have had no change, they are:-**

Summary of the Oversubscription criteria (not changed)

	Barnsbury	Beaufort	Hermitage Junior	Horsell	Kingfield	Hermitage Infants
1	LAC/PLAC	LAC/PLAC	LAC/PLAC	LAC/PLAC	LAC/PLAC	LAC/PLAC

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2	Exceptional social/medical needs	Exceptional social/medical needs	Exceptional social/medical needs	Exceptional social/medical needs	Exceptional social/medical needs	Exceptional social/medical needs
3	Siblings	Siblings	Siblings	Current siblings at the school	Siblings	Siblings including siblings at The Hermitage School
4	Children of staff at the school	Children of staff at the school	Children of staff at the school	Children of staff at the school	Children of staff at the school	Children of staff at the school
5	Any other children	Any other children	Children attending The Oaktree School	Previous siblings still at the same address	Any other children	Any other children
6			Any other children	Any other children		

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