



21 October 2019

## **CONSULTATION FOR PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2021/2022**

The Admissions Code of Practice 2012 requires an Admissions Authority to consult each time it proposes to make significant changes to its admissions arrangements.

The Creative Education Trust (CET) is the Admissions Authority for the family of Academies within CET and, as such, administers the admission arrangements on behalf of the Local Governing Body of **The Hart School**. We are interested in changing our admissions policy in order to adopt the following changes to be in effect from September 2021:

- Reducing the Published Admissions Number (PAN) from 360 to 220
- Reducing the size of the Sixth Form from 310 to 138

The reasons for proposing the above changes are as follows:

- When Fair Oak Academy and Hagley Park Academy merged to form The Hart School in September 2016, it was agreed with the Department for Education that the capacity of the merged school should be reduced to 1,238. This was reflected in the school's new Supplemental Funding Agreement.

However, the original PAN of 360 was not amended, and nor was the size of the sixth form. This proposed amendment to the school's admissions arrangements merely seeks to address these anomalies.

Accordingly, the Board of Directors of CET is undertaking this statutory consultation process with the parents and other stakeholders for The Hart School including:

- parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen;
- other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions;
- all other admission authorities within the relevant area
- whichever of the governing body and the local authority who are not the admission authority;
- any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority; and



- in the case of faith schools, the body or person representing the religion or religious denomination.

CET wishes to invite interested parties to take part in this consultation on the amendment of the Admission Policy for The Hart School – please see [www.hartschool.org.uk](http://www.hartschool.org.uk) for the proposed revised Admissions Policy. This is also available for view on the CET website: [www.creativeeducationtrust.org.uk](http://www.creativeeducationtrust.org.uk)

The consultation will take place for a minimum of 6 term-time weeks between Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Your views on any aspect of the admission arrangements will be sent to our Local Governing Body and the Board of Directors for consideration. All responses received by the end of the consultation period will be carefully considered and will decide the admission arrangements for the school year 2021/2022. Once the arrangements have been determined, they will be publicised by 9th April 2020.

We therefore invite you to take part in this consultation on the amendment to our admission policy. Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

Online at: [www.hartschool.org.uk](http://www.hartschool.org.uk)

By email to: [consultation@creativeeducationtrust.org.uk](mailto:consultation@creativeeducationtrust.org.uk)

By post to: Mr Chris Keen, Principal, The Hart School, Penkridge Bank Road, Rugeley, Staffs, WS15 2UE.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Keen

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