



**Gildredge
House**

Report on Admissions Consultation

13th October 2025 - 23rd November 2025

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INTRODUCTION

The Governors of Gildredge House wished to consult with stakeholders and the wider community on proposed changes to their admissions arrangements.

Proposed changes to the Admissions Policy would take effect from the beginning of the academic year 2027/28.

The proposed changes are as follows:

- Increase PAN (Published Admissions Number) for Reception from 56 to 60
- Increase PAN (Published Admissions Number) for Year 7 admissions from 84 to 90
- Removal of criterion 2 - Children of parents who are Founders
- Inclusion of the electoral division of Pevensey and Stone Cross within criterion 5 (previously 6)

The aim of these changes is to maintain the Gildredge House ethos which is to ensure the school remains accessible to all children irrespective of where they reside. Furthermore, Gildredge House aims to ensure that the arrangements continue to uphold the vision and ethos of the school and that they comply with all relevant admissions law.

METHODOLOGY

The formal consultation was undertaken in a six week period from 13th October 2025 - 23rd November 2025. Multiple methods of consultation were deployed and a wide range of stakeholders were consulted.

Gildredge House consulted with the following groups:

- Parents of children who attend Gildredge House
- Staff
- Primary, secondary and special schools
- East Sussex County Council
- Our neighbours and local community via Social Media

The admission consultation documents were published on our Website and interested parties were requested to respond using a link found within the Admission Consultation document. Queries were invited to be sent to admissions@gildredgehouse.org.uk

INFORMATION PROVIDED WITH THE CONSULTATION

Gildredge House Admissions Authority was keen to ensure that all respondents were able to make a fully informed decision prior to responding to the Consultation. In keeping with this, a comprehensive consultation document outlining the proposed changes to the Admissions Policy was made available to all respondents both electronically and in hard copy if required. A draft of the proposed changes to be effected in the 2027/28 Policy was also available to respondents via the School's Website and copies made available in the School Reception.

RESULTS OF THE FORMAL CONSULTATION - Breakdown of Formal Consultation Survey Feedback

6 online responses to the consultation survey were received in total. No letters were received and no emails. There were no comments received on Facebook.

Only responses offered during the formal period of consultation have been analysed.

The following key issues were raised by respondents:

1. Increase in PAN for Primary from 56 - 60

Agree:

- A good idea for the policy to match with the actual number admitted.
- It would make sense for the published figures to match actual figures

Disagree:

- I can't agree to anything that voluntarily increases numbers at the school.

2. Increase in PAN for Secondary from 84 - 90

Agree:

- Good idea for the number in the policy to match the actual number admitted.
- It makes sense for these figures to match/be accurate

Disagree:

- I can't agree to anything that voluntarily increases numbers - I would prefer to decrease them, if anything.

3. Removal of criterion 2 - Children of parents who are Founders

Agree:

- This criteria is no longer required, so this is a sensible amendment.
- I don't have any comments here.
- This criteria is no longer relevant

Disagree:

- None

4. Inclusion of the electoral division of Pevensey and Stone Cross into criterion 5 (previously 6)

Agree:

- Although this seems a long distance to travel, it does fall within the locality that parents may wish to have the option to consider Gildredge House for their children.
- It seems fair to change the criteria if there is a specific demand for places from this area

Disagree:

- This is crazy. You're opening it up to people who live too far away to walk or use public transport. They will all be driving and the roads are already awful/dangerous. Also, you're taking children away from their own local schools - which is unfair on those schools. There should be a catchment for all to reduce the huge amount of vehicles and stop taking children from other areas, so that those schools don't suffer.
- This would be detrimental to us at The Turing School and admissions from this area.

CONCLUSION

Increase to Reception and Year 7 PAN

The Governing Board considered all responses concerning the increase to PAN for both Reception and Year 7. It was agreed to increase the PAN to 60 for Reception and 90 for Year 7 for the academic year commencing 2027/28 which met with the actual number of students already being admitted to these year groups.

Removal of criterion 2 - Children of parents who are Founders

The Governing Board considered all responses concerning the removal of criterion 2. It was agreed to remove criterion 2.

The inclusion of the electoral division of Pevensey and Stone Cross within criterion 5 (previously 6)

The Governing Board considered all responses concerning the inclusion of this electoral division within criterion 5 and agreed to include Pevensey and Stone Cross within criterion 5 (previously 6)

It was agreed that the 2027/28 Admissions Policy stand as drafted.

FURTHER FEEDBACK

Can be requested from the Systems & Admissions Manager at admissions@gildredgehouse.org.uk

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