

# The Joseph Whitaker School

*An Academy specialising in Sport and Performing Arts*

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5<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## **Admissions Consultation 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on The Joseph Whitaker School admissions policy. The consultation period will run from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 until Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025; during this time, parents, stakeholders and any other parties potentially impacted by this policy (as listed below), are invited to express their views and any concerns about admission arrangements at The Joseph Whitaker School.

In accordance with the DfE's 2021 statutory 'School Admissions Code' guidance, as a school we must consult on our admission arrangements when changes are proposed, and at least once every seven years. The Joseph Whitaker School is proposing the following changes to its admission arrangements:

We are consulting to amend our catchment area details. We propose to add a criterion which would place children who live within the catchment area as part of the application of our admissions policy. The previous policy made no reference to a catchment area at all as it was assumed that we would adopt the collective areas of our feeder primary schools.

The proposed wording is as follows:

- Catchment Area Details - Children who do not fulfil criteria 1-4, but live in the catchment area (priority given to those who live closest, as the crow flies)
- We have predominantly used major public roads and established infrastructure to delineate the boundaries, ensuring they are clear, fixed, and easily identifiable for all prospective parents. The boundary has been drawn with due consideration for the geographic distribution and historical residence data of our current student body to best serve the immediate local community. In establishing our boundaries, we have actively taken into account the defined catchment boundaries of other surrounding schools to minimise areas of significant overlap or confusion and ensure a sensible and practical distribution of school admissions areas across the local authority.

Please find the full policy and admissions arrangements attached. The applicable section can be found on pages two to four and has been highlighted for ease in finding it.

A full version of the proposed changes to the admission arrangements, is available to view on the school website [www.josephwhitaker.org](http://www.josephwhitaker.org) or via hard copy (available upon request from school reception).

### **Who are we consulting with?**

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires that all admission authorities undertake a statutory consultation to seek the views and comments of parents/carers, other admission authorities, and schools, in the relevant area, Nottinghamshire County Council, neighbouring local authorities and anyone else who may be affected by the proposed changes.

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The consultation will run for 6 weeks commencing on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and closing on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025. A copy of the School Admissions Code 2021 can be found at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code--2>

### **How can you respond to the consultation?**

All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before 3.00pm on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 to [headteacher@josephwhitaker.org](mailto:headteacher@josephwhitaker.org). Please label the email's subject as "Admissions Consultation 2027-2028". Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address, and relationship to the school.

### **What Happens next?**

After the consultation period has closed the governors will give consideration to the responses received. Any changes will be made available on the school's website [www.josephwhitaker.org](http://www.josephwhitaker.org)

For further information regarding the consultation process, please refer to our proposal document, copies of which can be located on the school website or in hard copy from our main office. If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact Mrs Hamilton via email at [hamiltons@josephwhitaker.org](mailto:hamiltons@josephwhitaker.org) or by calling the school.

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