



Orchard  
Academy



Shepherdswell  
Academy



East Midlands  
Academy Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

### **Consultation on Proposed Changes to School Admissions Criteria for 2022/2023**

Every year schools and academies are required to review their admission arrangements. The aim is to ensure that the arrangements continue to be appropriate, and that they comply with all the relevant requirements.

Orchard Academy is consulting on proposed changes to the admissions policy oversubscription criteria to **take effect for school admissions for September 2022**. The proposed changes will affect new applications for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Orchard Academy (from September 2022 onwards).

The proposed changes under Orchard oversubscription criteria are:

- Point 2 should read - **A child with a sibling at the school, or at Shepherdswell Academy, who is expected to be on roll at the school or Shepherdswell Academy at the time of admission.**
- Point 4 should be removed as it is not relevant to the school.
- Point 5 should be removed as it is reflected on new point 2.

We are hoping to streamline the procedure for allocating places to reflect a simpler application model. Orchard & Shepherdswell both belong to EMAT and Shepherdswell is a natural feeder for Orchard. We feel that siblings should, wherever possible, have priority to attend the same school or one in the same family.

You have received a copy of this letter as a parent of a child attending the school where changes are proposed or as a parent of a child attending a nursery/school associated with the school where changes are proposed.

You can find further information about the proposed changes by following internet link <https://orchard.emat.uk/3654/public-consultation-on-proposed-changes-to-school-admissions-arrangements-for-20222023> or by asking for a copy of the information at the school office.

The consultation period **will run between 26<sup>th</sup> October to 7<sup>th</sup> December** and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to: EMAT – Head of Governance using [consultation@emat.uk](mailto:consultation@emat.uk)

Yours sincerely

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