

Formal consultation on admission arrangements for 2027/28

I write to provide you with the details of the proposed Admission Arrangements, which Shoeburyness High School, Thorpedene Primary School, Bournes Green Junior School, Bournes Green Infant School, Richmond Avenue Primary and Nursery School and Hinguar Community Primary School for the admission to 2027/28.

Admission authorities are required to consult on their admission arrangements whenever changes are proposed and, as a minimum, once every seven years.

To this end, the following amendments have been proposed:

- Treating siblings as a single category
- Ranking children of staff above the catchment area criterion
- Removing St George's and Friars from the same oversubscription category as SECAT schools (Shoeburyness High school)
- Ranking SECAT schools above the catchment area criterion (Shoeburyness High School)

The full proposed admission arrangements, including definitions and the order in which the oversubscription criteria will be applied, are set out in Appendix 1.

The consultation will run for a period of **six weeks**, in accordance with statutory requirements, from **Thursday 18 December 2025 to 5.00pm on Thursday 29 January 2026**.

During this period, parents, carers, schools, diocesan authorities, neighbouring local authorities and other interested parties are invited to submit comments on the proposed arrangements.

Responses to the consultation should be submitted in writing by:

Email: admin@secat.co.uk

Or

Post:

Admissions Consultation Response
Southend East Community Academy Trust
SECAT House
Delaware Road
Shoeburyness
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All responses received during the consultation period will be carefully considered before the admission arrangements are formally determined and published in line with the statutory timetable.

Yours sincerely,

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