

Review of Admissions policy 20/21 - 13th Feb 2020

I met with Mr Fuller and Mrs King to review this policy.

Admission at 11+

Details are sent to around 24 'feeder' primary schools in Grantham in May for Year 5 and also sit on the KG Website and the Lincolnshire Schools website.

We discussed the fact there was no mention of SEND pupils in the policy although this is covered in the application form. There's also no mention in the policy of how to deal with those children who fail /are unable to make the September dates for reasons such as illness, breakdown, sports events etc. These are dealt with informally on a case by case basis. We discussed the pros and cons of formalising this.

I was happy that the processes are followed.

Mid-year admissions

We had a discussion around the phrase KGGs welcomes mid-year admissions when these are appropriate and achievable – and whether we need a tighter definition of 'appropriate and achievable'. Or to include that sentence at all.

Again, I was happy that the processes are followed.

Oversubscription Criteria

Mrs King explained the process that she works to and I was happy with this. The County Council deals with matters of distance. We noted there was nothing in the policy to deal with any 'under subscription' which is clearly not an issue at the moment.

Entry to Sixth Form

There has been a change to the GCSE pass criteria so not to penalise students who excel in fewer subjects. Also, the size of the sixth form should read 330 not 320.

Definitions

The definitions are continually tested – especially where 'home' is concerned. Home is where a child lives for the majority of the school term with a parent or someone who as parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act 1989. Once a child is accepted – that 'home' can change to be out of catchment. As KGGs is a popular school there is anecdotal evidence of parents pushing this definition. The final arbitration lies with the County Council.

Visits to the school, Fraudulent or Misleading Applications, Reserve Lists, Fair Access Protocol, Children of UK Service Personnel, Admission of children outside their normal age group

I was happy with the policy and its application.