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## Proposal to amend the Admissions Policy of Little London Academy

Little London Academy, in conjunction with The GORSE Academies Trust (GORSE) as the admitting authority for the academy, propose to amend their admissions policy for any pupils starting education at the academy from September 2026. Following the divestment of Little London Academy, to GORSE, these changes will align Little London Academy policy with all the other primary academies within GORSE.

The proposed changes are:

- Removal of the previous Priority 2 methodology within the oversubscription criteria, the removed criteria wording was:

*Children with exceptional social or medical needs that can only be met at our school.*

*This priority is a request for admission to our school because your child has exceptional needs that can only be met at our school. It must be supported by professional evidence.*

*All schools in Leeds have experience of supporting a wide range of social and medical needs. However, in exceptional cases, there may be compelling reasons why a child needs to attend our school. This priority can be requested in these cases, and applicants will need to clearly demonstrate the connection between your child's need, our school and how our school can meet your child's needs in a way that no other school can. It must be supported by professional evidence.*

*Our Governing Body will review your request for this priority. Cases will be considered individually.*

*A request would not be granted where a parent wishes for their child to attend a school based on the child's abilities, because their friends attend the school or due to childcare arrangements. Any request for this priority must outline why the child's circumstances are exceptional, and why only our school is suitable.*

*You must provide the following information to our school at the time you apply:*

- *your child's name, date of birth and address*
- *What precise support your child requires due to their specific needs*
- *Why only our school can provide the support needed to meet your child's needs and no other school can*
- *What extra support or funding your child currently receives*

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- *You must attach supporting evidence from an independent professional, such as a medical specialist which confirms exactly what your child's needs are and why, in their view, only our school can meet that need. Without this evidence, your child's needs cannot be considered.*
- Amendment of the Priority 4 methodology within the oversubscription criteria – The academy will now utilise a defined catchment area map, as opposed to previously using a 'nearest primary school' measure. The details of the proposed change can be viewed in the Appendix A.
- The management of in year transfer applications will now be completed by Leeds Local Authority, as part of their coordinated arrangements.
- Minor grammatical amendments made to the policy, along with any amendments to dates specific to the admissions cycle for academic year 2026/27.

If you require a copy of the proposed new admissions policy, then please email us at the following address:

[admissionspolicyfeedback@tgat.org.uk](mailto:admissionspolicyfeedback@tgat.org.uk)

We do recognise that it is important that we gather the views of our parents/carers, local community, colleagues in education, local authority and other stakeholders. In order to support this feedback process, please email your response before 13 January 2025 to:

[admissionspolicyfeedback@tgat.org.uk](mailto:admissionspolicyfeedback@tgat.org.uk)

**Please clearly indicate the name of the academy you are providing feedback for, within your response.**

If you do not have access to an email account, please contact the academy directly to provide any feedback.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Done  
Principal



Mrs N Walkley  
Chair of Governors



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## Appendix A

Please see below a map which details the current 'nearest primary school' measure and the proposed catchment area boundary for Little London Academy:



Key:

- Orange area – original boundaries
- Blue area – proposed boundaries