The Canterbury Academy Trust
Schools for all the Talents

The Canterbury Primary School in year admission arrangements from September 2023

The number of intended admissions for year commencing 2023 will be 60 (with an additional 2 places reserved for children with statements for entrance into the Cavendish Centre Autism Spectrum Disorder special resource-based provision). Before the application of oversubscription criteria children with a statement of special educational need which names the school will be admitted. As a result of this the published admissions number will be reduced accordingly.

In the event of over subscription, the following criteria apply in the following order of priority:

a. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school.

A previously looked after child means such children who were adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after and those children who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

b. A brother or sister attending The Canterbury Academy Trust (Primary or Secondary phase) when the child starts. In this context, 'brother or sister', means a child who lives as a brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers and sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers and sisters and foster brothers and sisters.

c. Child of a permanent member of staff, providing the child lives in the same property as the member of staff. In this context child means a natural son/daughter, stepchild, adopted or fostered child. Members of staff must have been employed for two years or more at the time of application for school admissions is made and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacancy or post which there is a demonstrable skills shortage. The definition does not include contract or temporary staff.

d. Health and Special Access Reasons – medical, health, social and special access reasons will be applied in accordance with the school's legal obligations, in particular those under the Equality Act 2010. Priority will be given to those children whose mental or physical impairment means they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend The Canterbury Academy Trust. Equally, this priority will apply to children whose parents'/guardians' physical or mental health or social needs mean that they have a demonstrable and significant need to attend this particular Academy Trust. Such claims will need to be supported by written evidence from a suitably qualified medical or other practitioner who can demonstrate a special connection between these needs and The Canterbury Academy Trust.

e. Nearness of children's homes to school - we use the distance between the child's permanent home address and the school, measured in a straight line using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) address point. Distances are measured from a point defined as within the child's home to a point defined as within the school as specified by NLPG. The same address point on the school site is used for everybody. When

we apply the distance criterion for the school, these straight-line measurements are used to determine how close each applicant's address is to the school. A child's home is considered to be a residential property that is the child's only or main residence (not an address at which the child may sometimes stay or sleep) and which is either owned by the child's parent, parents or guardian or leased or rented to them under a lease or written rental agreement. Where partners live apart but share responsibility for the child, and the child lives at two different addresses during the week, we will regard the home address as the one at which the child sleeps for the majority of weekdays. A block of flats has a single address point reference, so applicants living in the same block will be regarded as living the same distance away from the Academy Trust. In the unlikely event that two or more children live in the same block or have the same distance and in all other ways have equal eligibility for the last available place at the Academy Trust, the names will be allocated a number and drawn randomly to decide which child should be given the place. An area map is available at www.canterbury.kent.sch.uk

f.   The tiebreaker for all arrangements will be distance. In a tiebreaker situation, the proximity of an applicant's home to the Academy Trust will be the decider. If in the event that more than one applicant lives the same distance from home to the Academy Trust (as measured by the local authority), then a random selection will be applied.

For families of service personnel with a confirmed posting, or crown servants returning from overseas places can be allocated in advance of the family arriving in the area (as long as one is available) provided the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date and the address that they will be living at, or some other form of evidence of their intended address.

Applications for entrance into The Canterbury Academy Trust should be made directly to the Trust.

After a place has been offered, the Academy Trust reserves the right to withdraw the place in the following circumstances:
1. When a parent has failed to respond to an offer within a reasonable time.
2. When a parent has failed to notify the Academy Trust of important changes to the application information.
3. The admission authority offered the place on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application from a parent.