

Please see below responses to the most frequently asked questions BWT received in its recent consultation to remove fair banding for September 2021

Q: Could you provide clarification on how spaces will be allocated through the oversubscription criteria?

A: The local authority will coordinate the admissions process for us as usual. Priority for admission will be determined solely by the implementation of the oversubscription criteria as published. Each academy's oversubscription criteria can be found [here](#).

Q: How will the 50% of children be selected from Corby and Kettering without the use of banding now for Brooke Weston?

A: The oversubscription criteria for Brooke Weston Academy remains the same, minus the fair banding element. The 50% split will still be applied. Brooke Weston Academy's oversubscription criteria can be found [here](#).

Q: Could the test not be sent to their schools that they attend now so they can do the test in their school bubbles?

A: Unfortunately this was not an option due to the strict security measures surrounding the testing materials and the different assessment environments children would experience in different schools. During the current climate, we felt this would also add a great deal more work to primary schools and of course not all children from these schools would be applying to Brooke Weston Trust schools.

Q: I am concerned that places at Brooke Weston Academy will only be allocated to children living in Oakley Vale.

A: Last year Brooke Weston Academy allocated places in year 7 to children who live in Corby, Kettering and surrounding villages. The oversubscription criteria for Brooke Weston Academy remains the same, minus the use of fair banding so the same criteria will be put into effect for the intake for September 2021. Brooke Weston Academy's oversubscription criteria can be found [here](#).

Q: It could be done safely surely?

A: We have sought advice from relevant bodies and are clear we should avoid creating an unnecessary risk to public safety through running an event of this scale during the Covid-19 pandemic. Indeed, we may still be in some form of lockdown in early December. Despite all the careful planning mitigations we would put in place, we have come to the conclusion bringing so many children from different schools and households together would be irresponsible.