



Dear Stakeholder,

Re: Variation to admissions policies for Brooke Weston Academy, Corby Business Academy, Corby Technical School and Kettering Science Academy.

I write to confirm the DFE have approved our request to remove fair banding from the admissions process for the four schools named above. There will not be an assessment day for year 6 students this December. The text of the determination is below.

The Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC), acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, agrees that the COVID-19 pandemic could be considered to be a major change in circumstances necessitating a change to admission arrangements in some circumstances.

The RSC, agrees that it will be necessary to modify the admission criteria, as below:

The admission policies operate for 2021 entry without the requirement that applicants undertake a cognitive ability test.

Where instances of oversubscription occur, admission will still be determined by the implementation of the current oversubscription criteria, minus the fair banding element.

After discussions with Northamptonshire county council officers, a minor clarification is also applied for Corby Business Academy to remove multiple references to fair banding and proximity measures.

The RSC therefore approves this variation request and the academies should update their 2021 admission arrangements accordingly and inform the relevant bodies of the variation.

Brooke Weston Trust is participating in Northamptonshire County Council's admission consultation process with a view to reinstating the NFER aspect of admissions for the 2022 intake. In addition to this letter, we will publish a Frequently Asked Questions page on our Trust website which will address the main queries that were raised during the consultation period.

Yours faithfully

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