

Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

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17th October 2025

Consultation on proposed Admission Arrangements for Audlem St James CE Primary School for entry into Reception from September 2027

As the admissions authority, The Cornovii Multi Academy Trust is consulting on the proposed admission arrangements **for Audlem St James Primary School** for the school year 2027-28. When an admission authority wishes to make changes to their admission arrangements, they must consult to ensure all views are heard. As stakeholders in this process, we would welcome your views on this proposal so that a fully informed decision can be taken at the next stage.

All schools are required to have clearly defined admission arrangements that explain how pupils will be admitted. These arrangements must include details on what will happen if the number of applications exceeds the number of available places (known as oversubscription criteria).

Admission authorities must ensure that the oversubscription criteria are included in their published arrangements. These criteria must be reasonable, clearly stated, objective, procedurally fair, and fully compliant with all relevant legislation, including equality laws.

It is the responsibility of the admission authority to determine the most appropriate criteria for the school, taking into account the local context and circumstances.

Proposed changes to the oversubscribed criteria:

The school has an agreed admission number of 30 pupils for entry into reception. In the event that the school receives more applications than the number of places it has available, places will be given to those children who meet any of the criteria set out below, in order until all places are filled.

1. Looked after and previously looked after children

A 'looked after child' or 'previously looked after child' is a child who is or was (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority. This includes children who appear to (in the view of the Admissions Authority) have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

2. Children with a sibling at the school

Priority will next be given to children with siblings at the school. Siblings include step siblings, foster siblings, adopted siblings and other children living permanently at the same address. Priority will not be given to children with siblings who are former pupils of the school.

3. Children resident within the designated catchment area of the school

Children resident within the designated catchment area of the school. Children will be classed within this category if they and their parents/carers are resident within the area served the school as defined by the Cheshire East

Council Catchment map <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/school-locationsandcatchment-areas.aspx>

4. Children of staff who work at the school

Children of staff who have been employed at the school, or Trust staff who have **directly** supported the school through their role for two or more years at the time at which the application to the school is made. (This does not include volunteers or casual contracts or wider Trust staff).

5. Pupils living nearest the school

This is measured using the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) in straight line distances in miles from the school's coordinate point to the point of residence's coordinate point.

Why are we proposing these changes?

The admission authority's decision to revise its criteria demonstrates the school's commitment to ensuring continuity of education and valuing the strong relationships built with children and their families during the early years. Children who have attended the Preschool are already familiar with the school's environment, routines, and staff, which helps ease their transition into Reception and supports both their emotional wellbeing and academic development.

The consultation will take place between 3rd November and 15th December 2025. All responses must be received before the 15th December.

How can you respond?

If you would like to respond, please send your comments by to:

Email: t.sanchez@thecornoviiitrust.org

Post: Admissions Consultation, Cornovii Multi Academy Trust, Alsager School, Hassall Road, Alsager, ST72HR.

All responses will be considered by the Trust Board before the arrangements are finalised and published

Yours faithfully

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