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Reasons for Changes to Admissions Arrangements for 2023-24

Being an Academy, the school decides its own admission arrangements. As the admissions process for the school is coordinated by Hertfordshire County Council, the school's governors have decided that the admission arrangements should largely follow those which the council sets for the schools which it maintains.

The school has been using the council's definition of Home address, which provides that if a child lives at two addresses equally then the address of the parent/carer who claims Child Benefit/Child Tax Credit will be considered to be the child's main residence and that if two different applications are received for a child from the same address then the application from the parent in receipt of Child Benefit/Child Tax Credit will be processed.

The Office of the Schools Adjudicator has recently determined that it is not reasonable simply to use the address where Child Benefit is claimed in these cases. Having obtained legal advice, the council is proposing to use a new definition of Home address, which does not refer to Child Benefit, and the school is proposing to use this definition too. It is incorporated in the Proposed Admission Arrangements 2023/24.

