

Turing House School

Admissions Consultation for September 2020

Turing House aims for an inclusive intake, fully representative of the area it was established to serve, which is the Middlesex side of Richmond Borough. Having reviewed the policy for Year 7 and concluded that it continued to serve these aims the Governing Body consulted on arrangements for the for the 2020 Sixth Form admissions policy.

The consultation ran from 14th November 2018 until 5pm on 10th January 2019. We consulted with:

- the Local Authority;
- all maintained schools in Richmond-upon-Thames;
- local parents and other interested people, including local community groups, trusts and associations who have registered on our Mailing List or who follow our news updates on social media;
- neighbouring local authorities;
- local sixth form colleges;
- schools in neighbouring areas;
- the local Admissions Forum;
- Church of England (CE) and Roman Catholic (RC) Diocesan Directors of Education;
- Borough Councillors and Members of Parliament;

Consultees were invited to send us their comments on the proposed policy set out in the Consultation Document¹, for consideration by Turing House Governors and the Trust Board.

In response to some early enquiries we also provided a Frequently Asked Questions page², to explain why we were not planning to use our Admissions Point in Somerset Gardens for distance measurements in the Sixth Form Policy.

We received 39 responses to the consultation. Of these:

- 34 supported the proposal;
- 4 did not support the proposal;
- 1 was unsure.

The vast majority of respondents (36) were local parents, mostly from Turing House, supporting the proposal. There were 3 parents who did not support the proposal, because they thought that the distance criteria should be measured in the same way as it is for Year 7.

We received 1 response from a member of Turing House staff, supporting the proposal.

There were 2 responses from headteachers of other local schools – one secondary and one primary. The primary school head supported the proposal. The secondary school head did not, on the grounds that they thought there were already enough sixth form places locally, and not all were full.

In the light of the secondary head's comment, it is worth noting that this was not a consultation on whether or not we should open a sixth form, as that is already agreed with the DfE, but only a consultation on our admissions policy.

The Local Authority responded to the consultation to advise that, when the policy is determined, governors should ensure that the determination refers to the admissions arrangements for all year groups, and states that we have not consulted arrangements for Years 7 to 11 because there are no proposed changes to the admission arrangements from the previous year.

At its meeting on Feb 8th 2019, the local governing body recommended the adoption of the proposed 6th form policy and confirmation of the existing Y7 policy to the Trust Board. On 25th February, the RET Board formally accepted these recommendations and determined these admissions arrangements for 2020.

¹ <https://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/documents/policies/THS%20Admissions%20Consultation%202020.pdf>

² <https://www.turinghouseschool.org.uk/2020sixthformadmissionsconsultationfaqs.php>