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## School Admissions consultation for Admission arrangements for the 2025/26 Academic Year

The **Wickersley Partnership Trust** is the Admissions Authority for the following Schools:

- **Gainsbrough Academy** - Bob Rainsworth Way, Gainsborough DN21 1PB
- **Rawmarsh Community School** - Monkwood Road, Rotherham S62 7GA
- **Wickersley School and Sports College** - Bawtry Road, Rotherham S66 1JL
- **Thrybergh Academy** - Arran Hill, Rotherham S65 4BJ
- **Clifton Community School** - Middle Lane, Rotherham S65 2SN
- **Rawmarsh Sandhill Primary School** - Kilnhurst Road, Rotherham S62 5LH
- **Rawmarsh Monkwood Primary School** - Estate Road, Rotherham S62 7JD
- **Rawmarsh Ashwood Primary School** - Ashwood Road, Rotherham S62 6HT
- **Aston Hall Primary School** - Church Lane, Sheffield S26 2AX
- **Aston Lodge Primary School** - Lodge Lane, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S26 2BL
- **Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School** - Howlett Drive, Rotherham S60 5HT
- **Thrybergh Primary School** - Oldgate Lane, Rotherham S65 4JG
- **Foljambe Primary School** - Foljambe Drive, Rotherham S65 4HQ

*The Department for Education (DfE) - School Admissions Code 2021  
(Mandatory requirements and statutory guidance for admission authorities, governing bodies, local authorities, schools adjudicators and admission appeals panels)*

*All schools **must** have admission arrangements that clearly set out how children will be admitted, including the criteria that will be applied if there are more applications than places at the school. Admission arrangements are determined by admission authorities.*

*Admission authorities **must** set ('determine') admission arrangements annually. Where changes are proposed to admission arrangements, the admission authority **must** first publicly consult on those arrangements. If no changes are made to admission arrangements, they **must** be consulted on at least once every 7 years.*

*Consultation **must** be for a minimum of 6 weeks and **must** take place between **1 October** and **31 January** of the school year before those arrangements are to apply (the determination year).*

*For example: for arrangements which are to apply for entry in September 2025, consultation **must** be completed by 31 January 2024.*

*This consultation period allows parents, other schools, religious authorities, and the local community to raise any concerns about the proposed admission arrangements.*

*Once all arrangements have been determined, arrangements can be objected to and referred to the Schools Adjudicator. Objections to admission arrangements **must** be referred to the Adjudicator by **15 May** in the school year before those arrangements are to apply (the determination year).*

*For example: for arrangements which are to apply for entry in September 2025, objections **must** be referred to the Adjudicator by 15 May 2024.*

*Any decision of the Adjudicator **must** be acted on by the admission authority and admission arrangements amended accordingly. The local authority will collate and publish all the admission arrangements in the area in a single composite prospectus.*

In line with the requirements of the above statutory framework, the Wickersley Partnership Trust is consulting on Admission arrangements for the 2025/26 Academic Year for all 13 member schools.

12 member schools sit within the geographical boundary of Rotherham and 1 school sits within the geographical boundary of Lincolnshire. The Trust works closely with Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and Lincolnshire County Council to ensure admission arrangements remain fair and consistent for parents and carers.

## **Consultation focus**

### **Admission and oversubscription criteria**

#### Rotherham Schools

- There is a proposed change to the oversubscription criteria used for the 12 Rotherham schools from previous years. The Admissions Authority are proposing to remove the below categories:

**‘Compelling medical’ and ‘Compelling social’ reasons making attendance at the school essential’.**

The reason for this is that this is a historic criteria used in Rotherham however, places are rarely allocated in these categories given the requirement for parents / carers to provide professional evidence (eg medical or social) about their child and also being required to outline why their child’s needs can

only be met at the preferred mainstream school making attendance there essential.

#### Gainsborough Academy

- There are no proposed changes to the admission and oversubscription criteria contained within the schools policy.

#### Catchment areas

- There are no proposed changes to the boundaries of the 12 Rotherham school catchment areas, the catchment area boundaries remain the same as those established originally by the LA which the Trust have retained for each school. Catchment area mapping information is contained within individual school policies and each school website contains a list of streets that are within the catchment area of the school.
- Gainsborough Academy does not operate a catchment area system in line with other Lincolnshire Schools.

#### Published Admission Numbers (PAN)

In line with the School Admissions Code 2021:

*'As part of determining their admission arrangements, all admission authorities **must** set an admission number for each 'relevant age group'. (Relevant age group is the first year of entry E.G. Reception / Foundation Stage 2 for primary schools and Year 7 for secondary schools).*

*Own admission authorities are not required to consult on their PAN where they propose either to increase or keep the same PAN. For a community or voluntary controlled school, the local authority (as admission authority) **must** consult at least the governing body of the school where it proposes either to increase or keep the same PAN. All admission authorities **must** consult where they propose a decrease to the PAN.*

**Proposed Published Admission Numbers for the 2025/26 year of entry are as follows:**

- **Gainsbrough Academy**

Proposed PAN for 2025/26 entry = **200**

The school has been significantly undersubscribed for entry to Year 7 in previous years with a PAN of 240 and the proposed PAN of 200 is more aligned to the LA's actual projected number of pupils who will join the school in September 2025 in Year 7.

- **Rawmarsh Community School**

There are no changes proposed to the PAN of 222 for 2025/26 entry.

- **Wickersley School and Sports College**

There are no changes proposed to the PAN of 340 for 2025/26 entry.

- **Thrybergh Academy**

There are no changes proposed to the PAN of 140 for 2025/26 entry.

- **Clifton Community School**

There are no changes proposed to the PAN of 250 for 2025/26 entry.

- **Rawmarsh Sandhill Primary School**

Proposed PAN for 2025/26 entry = **30**

The schools PAN was previously increased to 45 to accommodate the higher cohorts of pupils. The PAN of 30 is more aligned to the LA's actual projected number of pupils who will join the school in September 2025 in Reception / Foundation Stage 2.

- **Rawmarsh Monkwood Primary School**

There are no changes proposed to the PAN of 60 for 2025/26 entry.

- **Rawmarsh Ashwood Primary School**

There are no changes proposed to the PAN of 30 for 2025/26 entry.

- **Aston Hall Primary School**

There are no changes proposed to the PAN of 45 for 2025/26 entry.

- **Aston Lodge Primary School**

There are no changes proposed to the PAN of 30 for 2025/26 entry.

- **Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School**

Proposed PAN for 2025/26 entry = **30**

The schools PAN was previously 45 to accommodate the higher cohorts of pupils. The PAN of 30 is more aligned to the LA's actual projected number of pupils who will join the school in September 2025 in Reception / Foundation Stage 2.

- **Thrybergh Primary School**

There are no changes proposed to the PAN of 30 for 2025/26 entry.

- **Foljambe Primary School**

There are no changes proposed to the PAN of 30 for 2025/26 entry.

### **Wickersley School and Sports College 6<sup>th</sup> Form**

The maximum number of students that can be accommodated in Year 12 is 200, due to the space available in school.

The school also accepts external applications for entry to Year 12. (External applicants are students who did not attend Wickersley School and Sports College in Years 7-11).

The school has an Admission Number of 30 for external applications. (This is the determined number of places available for external pupils who meet the entry requirements).

Where there are likely to be more than 30 places available for external pupils due to places being unfilled by existing students, the school will make this clear to applicants at the time of application.

In the event that there are more applications than places available for external applicants the following oversubscription criteria will be used:

Where the entry criteria is met:

1. Applications from students who are looked after children (or previously looked after child) will be given the highest priority.

2. Applications from Students who have an older sibling (brother or sister / step brother or sister / child living in the same family home) who is expected to still be on roll in Year 13 on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.
3. Applications from students who live nearest to the school using a straight line measurement (often referred to as a measurement 'as the crow flies').

The consultation will be open from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 and will close at 5.00pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Should you wish to comment on the proposals outlined in the consultation, please contact:

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