



27th August 2020

To whom it may concern,

Notice of Variation: Admissions Arrangements for Denmark Road High School

Further to Government guidance published in July 2020 (Coronavirus (COVID-19): assessment processes for selective school admissions) and in line with legal requirements set out in the School Admission Code 2014, we are informing you of variations that we are making to our admissions arrangements for entry in September 2021.

The variations to the policy are in response to the current and ongoing impact of Covid-19 and include the following:

1. The test date has been moved from Saturday 12 September in line with Government recommendations. It is presently scheduled for Saturday 17 October however we have deliberately not specified the new date in the revised arrangements in case the Pandemic causes a further delay.
2. Results will be issued as soon as possible after the test date but for this year they will not be available before the Local Authority's Common Application Form deadline.
3. The policy notes that if public health measures prevent significant numbers from attending the main testing session, the Admissions Committee may defer establishing the qualifying standard until 75% of the registered candidates for the cohort have been tested.
4. The policy recognises that candidates may not be able to sit the main test due to illness or Covid-19 quarantine restrictions and makes provision for this in medical test arrangements.

You have received this letter as part of the requirements for variation of admission arrangements. The draft version of the varied Denmark Road High School Admissions Policy for September 2021 is available on the school website.

If you would like to submit any comments regarding the above variation please forward them in writing to Katie Paxton, Clerk to the Governors, at clerktogovernors@denmarkroad.org by **3pm on Tuesday 1st September 2020**.

Yours sincerely

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