



1st February 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

Further to our Admissions consultation, and in recognition of the queries raised in response, I am writing to you to outline our intentions as a school, following the consultation and to reassure you that all children currently living within our current catchment area and either attending a Wolds Learning Partnership primary school or a primary school (be they non-denominational, Church of England or other) within our existing catchment, will be entitled to a place in Year 7 at Woldgate School.

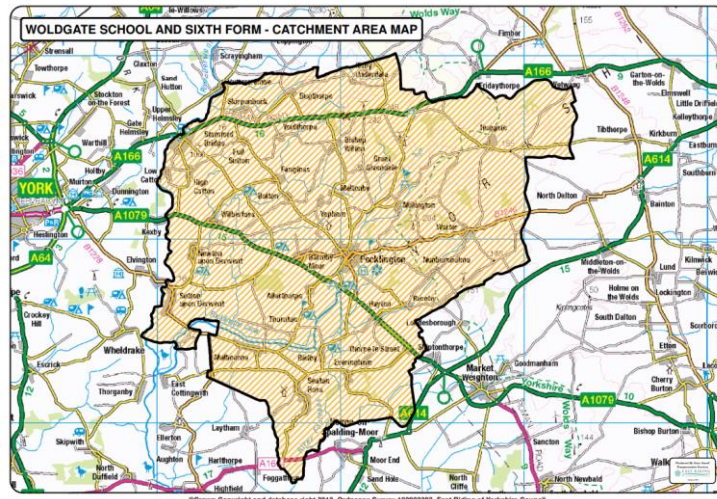
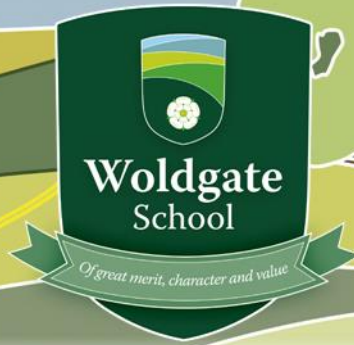
The Wolds Learning Partnership, as a local Trust consisting of rural schools, wants to ensure that all children who attend a Trust primary school, can follow their friends to Woldgate School. Due to historic, inconsistent catchment boundaries, a small number of Year 6 children attending a Wolds Learning Partnership School, who do not currently live within the catchment area of Woldgate School, have been unable to follow their friends to study at Woldgate School. The proposed change to the Admissions Policy would ensure that this small number of pupils were able to attend Woldgate School in Year 7. In addition, the alignment of the primary and secondary teaching, curriculum (reading, writing, and mathematics), and assessment across our Trust schools ensure that pupils attending Trust primary schools can continue their seamless educational journey from age three to nineteen.

I want to reassure you that there has been no intention to restrict the number of places available for local children, quite the opposite, and that we are committed to ensuring that all children who live within the current catchment and attend a catchment primary school, are able to attend Woldgate School. I will, therefore, be taking the following actions:

1. Admit up to 240 pupils into Year 7 each year, to ensure all local children are able to attend Woldgate School and can benefit from the new 'world class' educational facilities and the greater capacity of the new school.
2. Guarantee all current pupils who live within the catchment and attend a catchment primary school can secure a place in Year 7, and commit to maintaining strong partnerships with all feeder schools.



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3. Meet with local elected leaders to request additional funding for all local services and infrastructure, to ensure schools receive appropriate funding from new build developments within the locality to provide additional capacity and facilities including new classrooms, teachers, teaching assistants, and resources.
4. Together with the Wolds Learning Partnership, continue to work with all our local primary schools to ensure all local children receive the best possible pastoral and academic transition to Woldgate School, so we can provide a seamless education from age 3 to age 19.
5. Warmly welcome any school (non-denominational, Church of England, or other) wishing to join this locally based Trust. The Wolds Learning Partnership is also committed, in partnership with the Local Authority, to continuing to offer the same support to all catchment schools in Pocklington and beyond.

I do hope that these actions, and my letter, go some way towards reassuring you, both as to the intentions of the consultation, and to my commitment to ensuring all our local children are able to attend Woldgate School in the future.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this, and please do contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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