



16 October 2026

Dear Parent, Carer, Consultee or Stakeholder

Consultation on the Proposed Admissions Arrangements for 2028 Entry

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, Stratford Girls' Grammar School is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for students seeking admission in September 2028.

The proposed Admissions Policy for 2028 entry and the accompanying map are available on the [school's website](#). A copy is also enclosed with this letter.

The principal proposed change is the introduction of an Inner Priority Circle within the oversubscription criteria. Applicants whose permanent home address falls within the defined Inner Priority Circle will receive priority in the order set out in the proposed Admissions Policy. The boundary of the Inner Priority Circle, the method used to determine whether an address falls within it, and its position within the full oversubscription criteria are detailed in the proposed policy and accompanying map.

The Governing Body has agreed to consult on the proposed introduction of an Inner Priority Circle in response to changes in the geographical distribution of the school's intake over time. In recent years, the widening geographical distribution of the school population has affected the organisation of the school day. SGGS has had to take account of transport arrangements when setting its finishing time and organising activities beyond the formal timetable. Longer and more complex journeys can affect punctuality and reduce the time available for homework, rest, family life and friendships outside school. They can also make it more difficult for students who rely on fixed coach or public transport arrangements to remain at school for clubs, rehearsals, fixtures, academic support, intervention sessions and pastoral meetings. Attendance at weekday parent events has also reduced.

The proposal to introduce an Inner Priority Circle is therefore intended to:

- support student well-being through a more sustainable balance between school, home life and travel;
- enable more students to participate fully in enrichment, academic support and wider school activities, thereby enhancing their personal development;
- strengthen students' sense of belonging and their connections with the School and one another;
- make it easier for families to participate in the wider life of the School;
- contribute to environmental sustainability by reducing the need for longer and more complex journeys to and from school;
- foster stronger links between SGGS and the communities closest to the school.

Consultation Process

The purpose of the consultation is to gather stakeholders' views before any final decision is made. The Governing Board has considered many factors, including the diversity of our

community, the operational impact on our school and the experience of King Edward VI School, which already operates inner and outer priority circles.

The Governing Board is committed to ensuring that all stakeholders can participate fully in this consultation. It recognises that some respondents may use assistive technologies to support their participation. The use of these tools will not affect how responses are considered, provided that submissions reflect each respondent's own views, experiences and circumstances. Please review any AI-assisted content carefully to ensure that it accurately represents your personal perspective and the impact of the proposal on individuals, families and our local community.

The consultation will run from **16 October 2026 to midday on 27 November 2026**.

We welcome comments from parents and carers, other schools, the local authority, neighbouring admission authorities and other interested parties.

If you wish to comment on the proposed admission arrangements, please contact:

By email: governorsclerk@sggs.org.uk

By post:

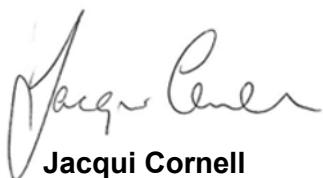
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Please mark your response 'Admissions Consultation 2028'.

All responses received by **midday on 27 November 2026** will be considered before the admission arrangements are determined. The final admission arrangements will then be published on the school's website in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the proposed arrangements and for providing any comments you may wish to make.

Yours faithfully,



Jacqui Cornell
Headteacher



Clare Nicklin
Chair of Governors