Admissions Policy 2028–2029
Summary of Changes

Purpose. This paper summarises the substantive amendments made in the draft 2028–2029 Admissions Policy compared with the ratified 2027–2028 policy. It is intended to support review and approval/consultation and does not list minor formatting or typographical changes.

Executive summary

- Boarding admissions material for Sexey's School has been removed from the main Trust admissions policy and replaced by a signpost to a separate QET Boarding Admissions Policy.
- Sexey's School Year 7 day PAN has increased from 65 to 80. The document continues to show 40 boarding students in the PAN summary.
- The section on requests for admission outside the normal age group has been substantially rewritten and streamlined, with separate wording on deferred entry, full-time schooling and summer-born children as per the LA's wording.
- SEN terminology has been updated so admissions wording refers to an EHC plan rather than a statement of SEN/EHC plan.
- Additional definitions/footnotes have been added to the oversubscription criteria for looked-after/previously looked-after children, catchment/rural catchment and pupil premium funding.
- The appeals section has been simplified at the outset, and a new section on children from overseas has been added.
- Several smaller wording and reference updates have been made, including tenancy evidence, parent/carer definition, challenging behaviour, Admissions Code references and the St Bartholomew's admissions webpage has been updated.

Detailed summary of substantive changes

Area	2027–2028 position	2028–2029 draft	Effect of change
Policy information	2027–2028; December 2025; Ratified 10 December 2025; next review October 2026.	2028–2029; December 2026; Draft for consultation; ratification date to be inserted; next review October 2027.	Annual roll-forward and consultation status.
Introduction & Aims	No reference to a separate boarding policy. Refers to requirements of the 2014 School Admissions Code.	Adds a link/signpost to a separate QET Boarding Admissions Policy. Reference changed to the 2021 School Admissions Code.	Clarifies the separate policy route for boarding admissions and updates the Admissions Code reference.
In-year admissions	Children whose statement of SEN or EHC plan names a school will be admitted. Tenancy evidence refers to a minimum six-month tenancy agreement.	Reference to statement of SEN removed; wording now refers to an EHC plan. Tenancy evidence refers to signing a tenancy agreement, without the six-month minimum.	Updates terminology and evidence wording.

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Requests outside normal age group	Includes "gifted or talented" as an example and contains detailed provisions on compulsory school age, deferral, part-time attendance, early/delayed admission outcomes and consideration alongside other applications.	"Gifted or talented" example removed. Section rewritten around individual circumstances/best interests. Adds explicit wording that, if the issue arises after admission, the school will discuss options and decide the appropriate year group. Adds separate Deferred Entry, Full-time Schooling and Summer Born Children subsections.	Major restructure and simplification of this part of the policy as per LA wording.
Sexey's Year 7 PAN	65 day students and 40 boarding students.	80 day students and 40 boarding students.	Day PAN increased by 15 places.
Oversubscription criteria	Core Trust criteria plus a rural catchment definition.	Core criteria retained. Adds numbered explanatory notes for looked-after/previously-looked-after children, catchment, rural catchment and pupil premium funding.	Definitions and supporting explanation expanded.
Sexey's boarding provisions	Contains boarding PAN; suitability for boarding; part-time boarding arrangements and criteria; transfer rules; lower-school full/part-time boarding oversubscription criteria; boarding need definition; and non-transfer provisions.	These detailed boarding provisions are removed from the main policy. The introduction directs readers to the separate Boarding Admissions Policy.	Separates boarding arrangements from the main admissions policy.
Sixth Form	Includes Sixth Form admissions plus statement that Sixth Form boarding places will be offered up to 35 per year group.	Sixth Form admissions wording retained, but the specific "up to 35" Sixth Form boarding places statement is removed.	Boarding-specific detail removed from the main policy.
School websites	St Bartholomew's admissions link points to /key-information/admissions/.	St Bartholomew's admissions link changed to correct one.	Website reference updated.
Parent / parent-carer	Short definition referring to Section 576 Education Act 1996.	Expanded definition covering natural parents, people with parental responsibility and people who have care of a child, while retaining the Section 576 reference.	Definition expanded.
Home address	Includes minimum six-month formal lease wording and a specific paragraph stating places cannot be allocated to those moving from abroad before arrival, except UK service personnel/Crown servants.	Removes the six-month minimum from the tenancy wording and removes the specific overseas-arrival paragraph.	Overseas applications are instead addressed in a new dedicated section.
Children below compulsory school age	Separate section covering compulsory school age, full-time reception place, deferred entry and part-time attendance.	Standalone section removed; equivalent subject matter is incorporated under Section 7 as Deferred Entry and Full-time Schooling, with a Summer Born Children subsection.	Content reorganised as per LA wording.
Challenging behaviour	Refers to School Admissions Code paragraph 3.8.	Reference expanded to paragraphs 3.8, 3.10 and 3.11.	Code references widened.

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Appeals	Starts with application-form/reserve-list wording, then explains right of appeal.	Replaces opening wording with a direct statement that applicants refused a place have a legal right of appeal and that QET will arrange an independent hearing. Remaining appeal-process information is broadly retained.	Clearer, more direct opening to the appeals section.
Children from overseas	No dedicated section.	Adds “Children from overseas”, stating applications will be treated in accordance with Home Office rules for foreign nationals and links to current guidance.	New dedicated section.