



# Brantridge School

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## Consultation on change to Admissions Arrangements for 2019/20

### Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Will there be an expectation that Brantridge pupils will need to transfer to another OHCAT school when they leave here?  
*No. We will want all our pupils to find the school that is most suitable for them. That will be the priority. Historically, some of our pupils have transferred to other schools within OHCAT, and some have gone to other Radius Trust schools (St Dominic's and Grafham Grange) who are also transferring to the OHCAT family. That may well continue, but only if they are deemed to be the right school for the individual pupil. The parent of each child will continue to be the ones making the decision as to the best school for their child.*
2. For teachers who usually teach Y7 & Y8 classes are their jobs in danger?  
*No. Being a relatively small school, all our teachers work closely with all our pupils and often 'cover' classes of younger and older pupils. Whilst there may be some training implications for the teachers who traditionally have worked with older pupils, this will not be a significant issue.*
3. What are the implications of these changes for our Residential Provision?  
*We already have some of our younger pupils in the Residential Provision. This change does not have an impact on that.*
4. How will we support the parents who may need to access their local authority's "age of transfer" school places systems which have deadlines for submission?  
*As part of our transition process we will work closely with families to support them with this. Support will be available where necessary, to complete the relevant documentation.*
5. How will this change be communicated to our local authority providers?  
*All the commissioning local authorities are being consulted on this proposed change.*
6. What happens if a child is educated out of their chronological year group?  
*Decisions will be made depending on the needs of the individual pupil at any given time, in association with an assessment of the needs of other pupils at the school to ensure there is no detriment to their education and wellbeing. Sometimes pupils will 'catch up' (academically and/or pastorally) and revert to*



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*their original academic year group; however this will not always be the case. In some instances, especially in schools with a small number of pupils on roll, pupils will be educated 'vertically', for some or all of their curriculum, that is, educated alongside peers from other year groups (particularly within a key stage).*

7. Will the proposed conversion to academy status have any impact on the proposal to amend the admissions arrangements?  
*No. The proposed sponsor for the academy conversion, Orchard Hill College Academy Trust, is supportive of the proposal.*