



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Stakeholder,

**Re: Variation to admissions policies for Brooke Weston Academy, Corby Business Academy, Corby Technical School and Kettering Science Academy**

I write to confirm the Department for Education (DfE) have approved our request to remove the fair banding assessment from the admissions process for the four schools named above this year. This means that as last year there will not be an assessment day for Year 6 students this December to avoid creating an unnecessary risk to public safety through running an event of this scale. The text of the determination is below.

*The Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC), acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, has agreed that removing the fair banding assessment will eliminate the risks that have arisen due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, the RSC has considered your request and approved the variation, to be effective for 2022/23 admissions.*

The admission policies for the above schools will operate without the requirement for any applicant to undertake a cognitive ability test and, as a result, the potential intake for September 2022 will not be divided into stanine score ranking. The local authority will coordinate our admissions process for us as usual, but the priority for admission will be determined solely by the implementing of the oversubscription criteria set out within the relevant policies.

Please note that this variation is temporary and should only apply for the September 2022 intake. The process is expected to return to usual for our September 2023 intake.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Andrew Campbell  
Chief Executive  
Brooke Weston Trust