

Edward Worlledge Ormiston Academy
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1st October, 2024

RE: Consultation on admission arrangements

Dear **interested party**,

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on the academy's admissions policy. The consultation period will run from 1st October 2024 until 12th November 2024; during this time, parents are invited to express their views and any concerns about the proposed reduction in PAN at Edward Worlledge Ormiston Acadaemy

In accordance with the DfE's 2021 statutory 'School Admissions Code' guidance, as a school we must consult on our admission arrangements when changes are proposed, and at least once every seven years. This was completed last year. This year we are only consulting on the proposed following amendment to our admissions arrangements.

- Decrease the Published Admission Numbers (PAN) from 54 to 30

This is being proposed due to the gap between the current Published Admission Number (PAN) of 54 and the actual student numbers attending the school, there is a need to consider reducing the PAN of the school as part of the wider review of school places in this area. Excessive surplus places has created a significant challenge for the school in respect of providing a cost-effective class structure and managing to maintain a balanced budget. Although the school has managed the budget effectively over the past 5 years this is no longer sustainable. Reducing the PAN to 30 will provide stability in its long-term planning and allow the school to continue to secure high quality educational outcomes for the students currently on roll, while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers in-line with demand

A full version of the proposed changes to the admission arrangements, as well as the rationale behind them, is available to view on the academy website or in hard copy from the school office. All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before 4.00pm on 12th November 2024 to:office@ewoa.co.uk. Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address and relationship to the academy. At the end of the consultation period, the governing board will meet to consider responses and submit a final policy to the Ormiston Academies Trust Board of Trustees for approval.

For further information regarding the consultation process, please refer to our proposal document, copies of which can be located on the academy website or in hard copy from the school office. If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact the school office on 01493 661523 or office@ewoa.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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Principal