

Re: Consultation on admission arrangements for 2022-2023

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 2020 until 12th November 2020; during this time, parents are invited to express their views and any concerns about the proposed changes to the admission arrangements at Cowes Enterprise College.

In accordance with the DfE's 2014 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.

To this end, the following amendments to our admission arrangements have been proposed to the definitions:

Siblings

A sibling is defined as:

- A brother or sister (including half brothers or sisters) who shares one or both parents
- A step brother or sister where the two children are related by a parent's marriage or civil partnership
- An adopted or foster child living in the same household under the terms of the resident's order

In the case of all of the above, a sibling is classed as children who are both living at the same address.

Staff Children

A staff child is defined as:

- A child living at the same address of a current staff member who has Parental Responsibility for the child
- The staff member must be in employment with the academy from the date the child will be on roll

A staff member is defined as a person who is employed at the academy on a permanent contract from OAT.

These changes are being proposed to clarify the definitions in the policy.

A full version of the proposed changes to the admission arrangements is available to view on the academy website or in hard copy from the school office.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party at Cowes Enterprise College, we are keen to hear your views on the proposed changes; therefore, we invite you to participate in the consultation if you have any concerns regarding the matter.

All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before 12 noon on 12th November 2020 to: Jill Wareham, Clerk to the Governing Body by post to the address: Jill Wareham, Cowes Enterprise College, Crossfield Avenue, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 8HB or by email to: jwareham@cowesec.org

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.

The proposed Admissions Policy for 2022-23 can be found on the Cowes Enterprise College website www.cowesec.org.

If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact Jill Wareham by email: jwareham@cowesec.org

Yours sincerely,

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