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## **RE: Consultation on admission arrangements for 2023-2024**

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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 until 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021; 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 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.

To this end, the following amendments to our admission arrangements have been proposed to the Definitions and Oversubscription criteria:

### **2.6 Siblings**

#### **2.6.1 Sibling definition**

Remove:

- A brother or sister, half brother or half sister, adoptive brother or adoptive sister, foster brother or foster sister, step brother or step sister living as one family unit at the same address. It will also be applied to situations where a full, half or adopted brother or sister are living at separate addresses.

Replace with:

- A sibling is defined as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters.

### **3.4 Oversubscription criteria**

Remove:

- "at the time of application and" from Pupils who have an elder sibling who will be on roll at the academy at the time of application and at the time of admission (see 2.6 definition of sibling)

Remove:

- Pupils for whom we are the closest school

These changes are being proposed to clarify the definitions and oversubscription 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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021 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](mailto: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 2023-24 can be found on the Cowes Enterprise College website [www.cowesec.org](http://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](mailto:jwareham@cowesec.org)

Yours sincerely,

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