

**RE: Consultation on admission arrangements for 2026-2027**

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 2024 until 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024; 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, an Ormiston Academy.

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:

## 2.6 Feeder schools

2.6.1 Children who, at the time of the application, are attending Cowes Primary School or Hunnyhill Primary School.

## 3.4 Oversubscription criteria

3.4.1.5 Children who, at the time of the application, are attending Cowes Primary School or Hunnyhill Primary School.

This is being proposed as the two named feeder schools are anticipated to join Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) and will be encompassed within the OAT family enabling their ethos of 'cradle to career' belief of nurturing and supporting children throughout their school life. We are therefore prioritising the admission of those students to our academy in our oversubscription criteria.

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, an Ormiston Academy 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 5pm on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to:

Jill Wareham, Clerk to the Local Governing Body by post to the address: Jill Wareham, Cowes Enterprise College, Crossfield Avenue, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 8HB or by email to: [clerk@cowesec.org](mailto:clerk@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.

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 clerk to the Local Governing Body on [clerk@cowesec.org](mailto:clerk@cowesec.org).

Yours sincerely,

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