

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 2025 until 12th November 2025; 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:

- Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 210 to 190.
- Remove Cowes Primary School from the list of feeder schools to the academy.

The reduction to the PAN is being proposed in response to projected reduced pupil numbers in the incoming Year 6 cohorts for 2027 and census data, which shows a declining birth rate and a reduction in the overall school-age population.

The removal of Cowes Primary School from the feeder schools to the academy is being proposed in view of its closure.

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.

For this reason, a consultation is currently being held to meet the academy's statutory duty; however, it should be noted that no changes to the current admission arrangements have been proposed.

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 5pm on 12th November to: Cowes Enterprise College, Crossfields Avenue, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 8HB or kthorogood@cowesec.org.

Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address and relationship to the academy. You are also encouraged to provide feedback on the Cowes Enterprise College website here: <https://cowesec.org/contact>.

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 01983 203103 or kthorogood@cowesec.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R.A. Kitley', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Rachel Kitley
Principal