



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

1st October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on the academy's 2022-2023 Admission 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.

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.

With effect from academic year 2022, it is our intention to reduce our annual student admission number to 180.

This is being proposed following a strategic review of our provision as a result of growth of school places in neighbouring settings, levels of demand for current places as well as logistical arrangements to implement changes brought in since Covid19 restrictions, where these practical arrangements have yielded significant improvements in student conduct and attendance. Although the resultant allocation of year group learning areas, to ensure autonomous and independent segregation of year groups within the academy building, was intended to be a short to medium term measure, improvements in key performance measures have resulted in a reconsideration of our longer term educational provision.

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

All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before 5pm on 12th November 2020 to: admissions@ormistonden.co.uk (Admissions, Ormiston Denes Academy, Yarmouth Road, Lowestoft NR32 4AH)

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 academy website here: <http://www.ormistonden.co.uk/admissions/>

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.

Yours faithfully

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