



11th October 2024

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 10th October till 21st November 2024; during this time, parents and other stakeholders are invited to express their views and any concerns about the proposed changes to the admission arrangements at Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy.

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, Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy wishes to amend its oversubscription criteria to prioritise children who attend Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy Nursery and children of staff. To this end, the proposed new oversubscription criteria are below:

- 3.5.1.1. Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children, including those children who appear to the academy to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.¹ A Looked After Child is either a child who is in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (definition used is in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). Previously Looked After Children are those who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order, immediately following having been looked after.
- 3.5.1.2. Children with a sibling attending the academy at the time of application. Sibling is defined at paragraph 2.7 of this policy.
- 3.5.1.3. Children attending Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy Nursery at the point of application.
- 3.5.1.4. Children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances: a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made; and/or b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post at the school for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
- 3.5.1.5. Other children by distance from the academy, with priority for admission given to children who live nearest to the academy as defined in section 2.4 of the admissions policy.

This is being proposed to support a cradle to career model for children in Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) ensuring that they are supported by OAT as early in their school career as possible.



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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.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party at Ormiston Cliff Park Primary 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 21st November to:

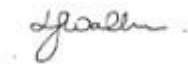
Mrs L Watkins, Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy, Orde Avenue, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR31 6SZ or office@ocppa.co.uk.

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: <https://ocppa.co.uk/admissions-26-27-consultation/>

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 01493 661523 or office@ocppa.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



Louise Watkins
Principal