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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Consultation on admission arrangements

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 the 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.

Changes are proposed

To this end, the following amendments to our admission arrangements have been proposed:

We are consulting on a proposal to reduce our school's Published Admission Number (PAN) from 210 to 205. This change will allow us to better meet the needs of our students and make the most effective use of our facilities. The main reasons for this proposal are:

- Class organisation and efficiency: Reducing the PAN to 205 allows us to organise 7 groups across each year group. Due to rooming constraints, an average class size of 30 is not possible for all groups.
- Space and facilities: The reduction reflects a more realistic measure of what our site can accommodate, including science toilets, and corridors.
- SEND / inclusion pressures: A lower PAN will help the school provide specialised nurture groups for SEND students, ensuring they receive the support they need.
- Transition & pastoral care: With slightly smaller year groups, form tutors and pastoral teams can provide more personalised support for every student.

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 the academy, we are keen to hear your views on the proposed changes/current admission arrangements 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 the Principal on info@oiea.co.uk please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address and relationship with the academy.

You are also encouraged to view the admissions policy on the school website
<https://www.oiea.co.uk/consultation-on-admission-arrangements/>

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 info@oiea.co.uk or phone the school office on 0115 9303724.

Yours sincerely,



Mr S Leach
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