

Cliff Park Ormiston Academy
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2nd October 2023

RE: Consultation on admission arrangements

Dear **interested party**,

I am writing to notify you of the consultation on the academy's 2025 – 26 admissions policy. The consultation period will run from 2nd October 2023 until 13th November 2023; during this time, parents and other key stakeholders are invited to express their views and any concerns about the admission arrangements at Cliff Park Ormiston 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. For this reason, a consultation is currently being held to meet the academy's statutory duty. Our policy has been updated to ensure consistency in terminology and adherence to local admissions practice and **the following amendments to our admission arrangements have also been proposed:**

Cliff Park Ormiston Academy remains committed to providing an education to our local community. The proposed change within the oversubscription criteria to add **'Children of staff 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; or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post at the school for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage'**, enables the academy to use this as a recruitment tool to ensure the very best staff are recruited to the academy. This amendment is considered to be required for future years due to the increasing trajectory for places at the academy and to support with recruitment challenge within the local area.

The proposed over subscription criteria is:

- 1.1.1. Where the academy receives more applications than there are places available, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the oversubscription criteria set out below.
 - 1.1.1.1. Looked after children and Previously Looked After Children. including those who appear to the academy to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be so as a result of being adopted¹. 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.
 - 1.1.1.2. Children in the relevant age group which normally transfers from primary to secondary school and is living within the catchment area served by the academy, first priority being given to siblings at the time of application. If applications exceed the

¹ A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.

numbers in any one of these categories, then the highest priority will be given to children living nearest the academy, as defined above.

1.1.1.3. Children where there is already a sibling currently attending the academy, who is living at the same address.

1.1.1.4. **Children of staff 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; or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post at the school for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.**

1.1.1.5. Children of the appropriate age group living outside the designated catchment area, but attending a primary school within the designated catchment area.

1.1.1.6. Whenever two applicants have the same priority, then the child who lives closest to the academy, as defined above, will be given the higher priority.

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 Cliff Park 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 13th November 2023 to:

Mr Harry French, Principal

- Email responses to be sent to:
jspurgeon@cliffparkoa.co.uk

- Written responses to be sent to:

Cliff Park Ormiston Academy, Kennedy Avenue, Gorleston-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, NR31 6TA

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: www.cliffparkoa.co.uk/contact-us/

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 661504 or use the contact us form on our website: www.cliffparkoa.co.uk/contact-us/

Yours sincerely,

Mr Harry French
Principal