

October 2019

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 2019 until 12th November 2019; during this time, parents and other interested parties are invited to express their views and any concerns about a proposed reduction in the published admissions number at Ormiston Park Academy.

In accordance with the DfE's 2014 statutory 'School Admissions Code' guidance we must consult on our admission arrangements when changes are proposed.

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

- A reduction in the Published Admissions Number (PAN) from 180 to 150 for admissions in September 2021 and onwards

This is being proposed as the 180 available places at the Academy have not been filled over the past five admission years and as a result the academy has suffered significant in year turbulence with regard to student numbers. Ormiston Park's stability percentage figure has worsened each year over the past three years and in 2018 was 77.6% compared to the national average of 91.5%. This degree of turbulence has an impact on all areas of the Academy's work. The reduced PAN is in line with forecast admissions numbers and thus would create stability for the Academy. It would enable the Academy to operate in all respects more efficiently and cost effectively and thus support the school to improve overall educational standards.

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 may be requested in hard copy from Mrs Sally Spraggon: sspraggon@ormistonpark.org.uk or by writing to Mrs Sally Spraggon at Ormiston Park Academy, Belhus Park Lane, Aveley, Essex. RM15 4RU.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party 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 3pm on Tuesday 12th November to: Mrs Sally Spraggon at Ormiston Park Academy, Belhus Park Lane, Aveley, Essex. RM15 4RU or email: sspraggon@ormistonpark.org.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://www.ormistonpark.org.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.

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 Mrs Sally Spraggon on 01708 865180 or sspraggon@ormistonpark.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Huw Derrick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Huw Derrick
Principal