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Admissions policy consultation letter

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 2024 until 12th November 2024; during this time, parents are invited to express their views and any concerns about the proposed changes to the admission arrangements at Ormiston Maritime Academy for the academic year 2026-27.

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

- A decrease of admission numbers from 160 to 150.

This is being proposed due to the gap between the Published Admission Number (PAN) of 160 and the actual student numbers attending the school, there is a need to consider reducing the PAN of the school as part of the wider review of school places in this area. Excessive surplus places have created a significant challenge for the school in respect of providing a cost-effective class structure, allocation of spaces in classrooms and managing to maintain a balanced budget. Reducing the PAN to 150 will provide stability in its long-term planning and allow the school to continue to work towards securing high quality educational outcomes for the students currently on roll, while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers in-line with demand.

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 academy office.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party at Ormiston Maritime Academy we are keen to hear your views on the proposed changes to the 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: office@omacademy.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: [Ormiston Maritime Academy - Contact \(omacademy.co.uk\)](http://OrmistonMaritimeAcademy-Contact(omacademy.co.uk))

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 academy office. If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact the academy office on 01472 310015 or office@omacademy.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Robson', written in a cursive style.

Mrs C. Robson
Principal