Ormiston Bushfield Academy

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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 2nd November 2026 until 14th December 2026; during this time, parents are invited to express their views and any concerns about the proposed changes to the admission arrangements at Ormiston Bushfield 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:

- A performing arts pathway has been added to our oversubscription criteria

This is being proposed as the Academy has a reputation for being a centre of expertise for musical theatre and performing arts. Alongside being the lead school for the Royal Shakespeare Company Associate Schools Programme, we are also the host school for Peterborough Centre for Young Musicians (PCYM).

By including a performing arts pathway this provides an opportunity for students to attend a school where the arts are valued and they can continue to develop their skills through both curricula and extra curricula activities, where due to the continued pressure on school places within Peterborough this wouldn't otherwise be possible.

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 Bushfield 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 14th December to:

Admissions@bushfield.co.uk

Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address and relationship to the academy.

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.

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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 admissions@bushfield.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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