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Principal: Mrs R Kitley

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RE: Consultation on admission arrangements for 2020-2021

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 2018 until 12th November 2018; during this time, parents are invited to express their views and any concerns about the proposed change to the admission arrangements at Cowes Enterprise College.

In accordance with the DfE's 2014 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:

- To reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) at Cowes Enterprise College from 270 to 210 places in Year 7 with effect from September 2020. This means that the number of places available for children in Year 7 in 2020 and all subsequent Year 7 cohorts will be 210.
- For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no proposed change. This is the only proposed change to the admission criteria, all other criteria, including oversubscription, will remain the same.

This is being proposed as the Isle of Wight is in an area of surplus secondary places and census information shows that this surplus of places will continue in the future. Reducing the PAN at Cowes Enterprise College will assist the academy in providing stability in its long-term planning and allow Cowes Enterprise College to continue to secure 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 school office.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party at Cowes Enterprise College, 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 12 noon on 12th November 2018 to:

Jill Wareham, Clerk to the Governing Body by post to the address: Jill Wareham, Cowes Enterprise College, Crossfield Avenue, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 8HB or by email to: jwareham@cowesec.org

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.

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 Jill Wareham by email: jwareham@cowesec.org

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Kitley

Principal