

4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**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 **4<sup>th</sup> November until 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024** and, during this time, parents are invited to express their views and any concerns about the proposed changes to the admission arrangements at Flegg High 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.

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

- To remove the option of travelling to the academy on the Flegg minibus as this is no longer running due to budget constraints.
- To reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 180 to 150.

This is being proposed due to the gap between the Published Admission Number (PAN) of 180 and the actual student numbers in each year group attending the school. In addition, there is a need to consider reducing the PAN of the school as part of the wider review of school places in this local area.

Excessive surplus places have created a significant challenge for the Academy in respect of providing a cost-effective class structure and managing to maintain a balanced budget. Although the school has managed the budget effectively over the past 5 years this is no longer sustainable. Reducing the PAN to 150 will provide stability in terms of long-term planning and allow the school 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 and local demographics.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party at Flegg High 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 midday on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to:

[principalsoffice@fleggoa.co.uk](mailto:principalsoffice@fleggoa.co.uk)

Flegg High Ormiston Academy, Somerton Road, Martham, NR29 4QD

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 the Principals Office on 01493 749207 or [principalsoffice@fleggoa.co.uk](mailto:principalsoffice@fleggoa.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Jane Bennett

Principal