

1st October 2025

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 2025 to 12th November 2025**, 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:

Current criteria

The current oversubscription criteria are as follows:

1. Looked after children and Previously Looked After Children including those who appear to the academy to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be so as a result of being adopted¹. A Looked After Child is either a child who is in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (definition used is in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) Previously Looked After Children are those who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order immediately following having been looked after.
2. Where a child has a sibling currently attending the school
3. Children attending cluster feeder schools: Filby Primary, Hemsby Primary, Martham Primary, Ormesby Junior, Rollesby Primary, Winterton Primary.
4. Proximity of the child's home to the school with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority.
5. Where there are medical grounds (supported by relevant doctor's certificate) for admitting a child.

Proposed criteria (changes in yellow)

The proposed oversubscription criteria are as follows:

1. Looked after children and those who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after was adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. A Looked After Child is either a child who is in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (definition used is in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989); or, those children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. Previously Looked After Children are those who were

previously looked after but immediately after being looked after were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

2. **Siblings of students who will be registered in years 7 to 11 at the school on the first day of term when the applicant student will be joining the school**
3. **Children whose parent/carer is a staff member at the academy with 2 or more years service at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or recruited to a vacancy with an identified skills shortage.**
4. Children attending cluster feeder schools: Filby Primary, Hemsby Primary, Martham Primary, Ormesby Junior, Rollesby Primary, Winterton Primary.
5. Proximity of the child's home to the school with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority.

The change to **Siblings of students who will be registered in years 7 to 11 at the school on the first day of term when the applicant student will be joining the school** ensures the academy remains in line with the Norfolk admissions criteria on siblings within a school.

The change to **Children whose parent/carer is a staff member at the academy with 2 or more years service** at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or recruited to a vacancy with an identified skills shortage enables the academy to use this as a continued recruitment tool to ensure the very best staff.

To remove the final criteria **Where there are medical grounds (supported by relevant doctor's certificate) for admitting a child** as it is ambiguous and does not provide a further admission route in line with the other criteria.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party at 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 12th November 2025**.

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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: **Flegg High Ormiston 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 academy office**. If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact **the academy on 01493 749207 or principalsoffice@fleggoa.co.uk**.

Yours sincerely,



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