

22nd November 2023

Dear Interested Party,

Re: Consultation on Admission Arrangements – from Sept 25

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on the academy's admissions policy. The consultation period will run from 27th November 2023 until 8th January 2024. During this time interested parties are invited to express their views, and any concerns, about the proposed changes to The Eastwood Academy.

In accordance with the DfE's 'School Admissions Code', as a school we must consult on our admission arrangements either when any changes are proposed, and/or at least once every seven years.

To this end, the following amendments have been proposed:-

- Changes to the organisation, and assessment, of selective admission aptitude tests for Sport and Performing Arts.
- Changes to the grouping of siblings of multiple births i.e. these children will be grouped together during the randomization process. In the unusual situation where the process "cut off" falls between two siblings of multiple births the additional sibling will be offered a place above the admission limit.

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

All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before 09:00 on 8th January 2024 to the PA to the Acting Principal via email slynn@eastwood.southend.sch.uk or by post to:-

The Eastwood Academy, Rayleigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, SS9 5UU.

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 Trustees will meet to consider responses and submit a final policy to the Eastwood Academy Board of Trustees for approval.

If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact the PA to the Acting Principal on the email provided above or on 01702 524341.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Piercy
Acting Principal