



Consultation on admission arrangements for 2028-29 – Sharples School

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on Sharples School admissions policy. The consultation period will run from Monday 19 October until Monday, 30 November 2026; during this time, parents and members of the community are invited to express their views and any concerns about admission arrangements at Sharples School.

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.

Sharples School is proposing the following changes to its admission arrangements:

We are consulting to amend our admissions oversubscription criteria. We propose to add a criterion which would place children who attend our close partner primary schools as part of the application of our admissions policy. The proposed wording is as follows:

5) Children attending The Oaks Primary School, Sharples Primary School.

Please find the full policy and admissions arrangements attached. The applicable section can be found on page two and has been highlighted for ease in finding it.

A full version of the proposed changes to the admission arrangements, is available to view on the school website www.sharplesschool.co.uk/admissions or in hard form from reception, at the address above.

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 current admission arrangements.

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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 5.00pm on Monday, 30 November 2026 to admissions@sharplesschool.co.uk. Please label the email's subject as "Admissions Consultation".

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

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At the end of the consultation period, the Local Governing Body will meet to consider the responses. The outcome of the consultation will be published on the school website as soon as possible following a decision being reached by the Local Governing Body. Hard copies of the final report will be made available on request to all respondents of the consultation.

For further information regarding the consultation process, please refer to our **full proposal document**, copies of which can be located on the school website or in hard copy from our main office.

Yours Sincerely



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