



Statutory Consultation on Admissions Policy for 2028/29

Dear Parents, Carers, and Stakeholders,

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on the Sharples School admissions policy.

In accordance with the Department for Education's (DfE) statutory *School Admissions Code*, admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements when changes are proposed, or at least once every seven years even if no changes are made.

Consultation Period

The consultation period will run from Monday 19, October 2026 until Friday 27, November 2026. During this time, parents, local residents, and other interested parties are invited to express their views and any comments or concerns regarding the admission arrangements.

- 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.

How to Respond

You can view the full draft admissions policy on our website at <https://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/admissions/>

Please submit any comments, feedback, or objections in writing by 27, November 2026 5pm via:

- **Email:** admissions@sharplesschool.co.uk
- **Post:** Sharples School, Hill Cot Rd, Astley Bridge, Bolton BL1 8SN

Following the close of the consultation, the governing board will review all feedback before formally determining the admission arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

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