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Letter of Consultation: Diamond Wood Community Academy – Proposed Admissions Policy 2025/2026

Following meetings with Enhance Academy Trust personnel, Governors and senior staff of Diamond Wood Community Academy, I am writing to invite you to engage in a consultation about the academy 25/26 proposed Admission Policy.

The School Admission Code states that admissions authorities must consult on their admission arrangements whenever proposed changes are made or if no changes are being proposed then a consultation should be held every seven years.

Discussions have taken place at the school with Enhance Academy Trust personnel, Governors and senior staff of Diamond Wood Community Academy in connection with the pupil numbers and the ability of the school to plan both in connection with staffing and financially to support the needs of the pupils.

Consequently, the Trust has reached the decision to consult to reduce the PAN at the school to 90 from September 2025. This reduction in PAN will not affect the ethos, values and success of the school but will enhance the provision of education it can provide in a planned way.

Reducing the PAN will also assist the school and the Trust to provide stability in its long-term planning and allow the school to continue to secure high quality educational outcomes for the pupils currently on role, while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers in line with demand.

The Trust and the school will continue to look at local demand and if it feels that there is a lack of school places in the future then they would consider to increase the PAN back to 120 should the need arise.

The consultation which began on Monday, 7 November 2023 and closed on Sunday, 7 January 2024 has been extended to close on Friday, 19 January 2024, and will include feedback from parents/carers, staff, the Local Authority, the Diocese and fellow primary and nursery schools within the local area. Responses to the consultation must be received no later than midnight on Friday, 19 January 2024 and can be made in writing and posted to the address below, marked for the attention of Mr Mark Randall or sent via e-mail to Mr Andy Hoole – Governance and Compliance Manager using the e-mail address andy.hoole@enhanceacad.org.uk

A copy of the proposed 25/26 policy, together with a copy of this letter can be found on the academy and Enhance Academy Trust websites.

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Please mark your correspondence 'Proposed Admission Policy 2025/2026'

We hope you will engage in this consultation.

Yours sincerely

Mr Mark Randall - CEO
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