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ADMISSIONS CRITERIA CONSULTATION 2028/29

Background to the proposal

Ormiston Venture Academy has not amended its admission criteria since 2022 and remains committed to providing an education to our local community. The academy is currently oversubscribed with students placed within criteria priority 4 coming from a 0.7 mile radius. The current admissions process at Ormiston Venture Academy is fair and transparent, and acts in accordance with statutory requirements; however, we propose a change to recognize our long term vision of supporting families in our local context through the R-16 journey. There is no change proposed to Pupil Admission Numbers of 180.

Current criteria

The current 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. Up to 10% of students on the basis of aptitude in Information Technology *
3. 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
4. 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.
5. Children living in the town of Gorleston, the Parish of Bradwell and the catchment area served by Belton Moorlands **
6. Children living outside the priority areas listed in rule iv) above.

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Proposed criteria (changes in yellow)

The proposed oversubscription criteria are as follows:

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4. 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.
5. Priority will next be given to children who attend our partner school Ormiston Herman Academy with which we have shared staffing and services arrangements between the academies
6. Children living in the town of Gorleston, the Parish of Bradwell and the catchment area served by Belton Moorlands **
7. Children living outside the priority areas listed in rule iv) above.

The change to the admission priority will next be given to children who are in our partner primary school Ormiston Herman Academy at the point of application and transition. It recognises the close link we have with families and Ormiston Herman Academy in building a true cradle to career partnership through shared services and staffing models.

Consultation process

The admissions authority is required to formally consult on any proposed changes to admissions arrangements, in line with the School Admissions Code 2021. This report is issued as a formal consultative document and will be available to any individual who requests a copy. A copy of the proposal is published on the school website here: www.OrmistonVentureAcademy.co.uk

Period of consultation

The consultation period lasts for a minimum of six weeks. The consultation will run for a period of six weeks, commencing midnight, Monday 2nd November 2026, to 5pm on Monday 14th December 2026.

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Relevant consultees

In line with the requirements of the School Admissions Code 2021, the school will consult with the following:

- Parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen – the consultation will be shared with Ormiston Venture Academy parents and sent to local schools for forwarding to parent groups.
- All other admission authorities within the relevant area (except that primary schools need not consult secondary schools) – the consultation will be shared with all local primary, secondary and post 16 providers.
- Whichever of the governing body and the local authority is not the admission authority – the consultation will be shared with Norfolk County Council
- Any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority – the consultation will be shared with Suffolk County Council

Responding to the consultation

All interested parties are invited to make a written representation on all items within the proposal. Parties are not required to comment on any areas not covered by the proposal.

Written responses will also be accepted by email or post; these responses should outline personal details, including name, address and relationship to the school, why there is an interest in the proposal, whether the party is in agreement with the proposal or not, and any alternative solutions or comments.

Emails must be sent to: acockrill@ormistonventureacademy.co.uk

Written responses must be sent to: Simon Gilbert-Barnham
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The deadline for all responses to the proposal by 5pm, 14th December 2026.

Next steps

The final report and the decision made by the admissions authority will be accessible via the school's website. Printed copies of the report will be made available on request to anyone who has responded to the proposal.

Any decisions confirmed as a result of this consultation will be reviewed in the future in line with the admissions code.