

3rd November 2025

Proposed change to admissions policy for the school year 2027/28

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on a proposed change to the school's admissions policy to be effective from September 2027. In accordance with the Department for Education'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 if not.

The Wensum Trust wishes to amend the oversubscription criteria for Acle Academy to include a priority for children living within the catchment area of the school.

The proposed changes would be as follows:

1. 'Looked After Children' in the care of the LA or being provided accommodation by the LA or children who were previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.
2. Siblings of students who will be registered students in years 7-11 at the School on the first day of the term when the applicant student would be joining the School.
3. Children attending one of our designated feeder schools and living within the catchment area of the school in accordance with the boundaries drawn up by the LA.
4. Children attending one of our designated feeder schools and not living in the catchment area of the school in accordance with the boundaries drawn up by the LA.
5. Children of staff:
 - a.) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or
 - b.) where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
6. ***Children living within the catchment area of the school***
7. Other applicants.

A full version of the proposed changes to the admission arrangements is available to view on the school's website [Acle Academy Proposed Admission Policy 2027-2028](#) or in hard copy from the school office.

The consultation will run for at least six weeks from Monday 3rd November 2025 to Monday 15th December and we are keen to hear your views on the proposed changes, therefore, we invite you to participate in the consultation if you have any comments regarding the matter.

All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before Monday 15th December to the Chair of Governors at Acle Academy or emailed to info@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

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Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address and, if any, your relationship to the school. At the end of the consultation period, the governing body will meet to consider responses and determine the admission arrangements. The arrangements must be determined by 28th February 2026 and once determined, published on the school's website by 15th March 2026

If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact the school office on 01493 750431.

Yours sincerely



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