Consultation on the Proposed Admissions Policy for 2028/29

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors

We are writing to inform you that the Trust is undertaking a formal consultation on the proposed Admissions Policy for the 2028/29 academic year.

As an admission authority, the Trust is required to periodically review its admissions arrangements to ensure they remain fair, transparent, legally compliant and aligned with the needs of the schools and communities we serve. Following a review of the current arrangements, the Trust Board is proposing a number of amendments to the Admissions Policy for 2028/29 and is now seeking the views of all stakeholders before any final decisions are made.

Why are we consulting?

The purpose of the consultation is to:

- Ensure that the admissions arrangements remain clear, fair and accessible for all families.
- Reflect any changes in legislation, guidance or local circumstances since the current policy was adopted.
- Consider whether the existing oversubscription criteria and admission arrangements continue to meet the needs of the school community.
- Provide parents, staff, governors and other interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the proposed arrangements before they are finalised.

The consultation process is an important part of ensuring transparency and accountability in the way school places are allocated.

What changes are proposed?

The draft Admissions Policy accompanying this letter sets out all proposed changes in full.

We encourage all stakeholders to read the document carefully. Where changes have been proposed, these have been made following a review of current arrangements and consideration of operational, legal and educational factors. The consultation seeks views on the policy as a whole and on any specific amendments contained within it.

How can you take part?

We welcome feedback from all interested parties, including:

- Parents and carers
- Prospective parents
- Staff
- Governors
- Local community members
- Other schools and educational organisations

Responses may be submitted during the consultation period by:

Email: governance@aquilatrust.co.uk

or

Post: Aquila, The Diocese of Canterbury Academies Trust, Suites 19 & 20, Motis Business Centre, Cheriton High Street, Folkestone, CT19 4QJ.

Please mark correspondence **"Admissions Consultation 2028/29"**.

When responding, it is helpful if you:

- State which aspect of the proposed policy you are commenting on.
- Explain the reasons for your views.
- Where appropriate, suggest alternative wording or approaches.

Consultation Period

The consultation will run for **six weeks from Monday 9th November 2026 to Monday 4th January 2027**.

All responses received during this period will be considered by the Trust before a final determination of the Admissions Policy is made.

What happens next?

Following the close of the consultation:

1. All responses will be reviewed and considered.
2. A report summarising the feedback received will be prepared.
3. The Trust Board will determine the final admissions arrangements.
4. The determined policy will be published on the school and Trust websites within the required statutory timescales.

Thank You

We value the views of our stakeholders and encourage you to participate in this consultation. Your feedback helps ensure that our admissions arrangements remain fair, transparent and effective for all families seeking a place at our schools.

Yours faithfully,

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