



Lowedges Junior Academy

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Dear Interested Party,

Admissions Arrangements Consultation 2026 2027:

I am writing to notify you of the consultation on the academy's 2026 – 27 Admissions Arrangements. The consultation period will run from 25th October 2024 until 6th December 2024; during this time, parents/ carers and other key stakeholders are invited to express their views and any concerns about the admission arrangements at Lowedges Junior Academy.

In accordance with the DfE'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. For this reason, a consultation is currently being held to meet the academy's statutory duty; the following amendments to our admission arrangements have also been proposed:

- Reduction in PAN from 60 to 45

This is being proposed as many FS2 intakes are just over 30, which means two classes are required. This is having an adverse impact on the academy's budget due to the cost of two teacher salaries with very low class sizes. This is also leading to mixed classes across Key Stages in order to be compliant with infant class size legislation.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for six weeks and, as an interested party at Lowedges Junior Academy, we are keen to hear your views on the proposed changes; therefore, we invite you to participate in the consultation if you have any concerns regarding the matter.

If you wish to raise any points about an academy's admission arrangements then please email us at: - contactus@astonctrust.org

Following the 6-week consultation period, any arrangements and accompanying feedback will be taken to the local governing body meeting in December 2024, ahead of the deadline of 28th February 2025.

On agreement by governors, the arrangements will be published on the academy websites and then sent to Sheffield local authority prior to their publication date of 15th March 2025.



All adults in school have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Thank you for taking the time to support our consultation.

Yours Sincerely,

Lindsay Jones
Principal