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Parent/Carer

Dear Parent/Carer,

Consultation: Admissions to Schools in Suffolk for the 2028/2029 school year

Suffolk County Council is currently asking people to comment on their proposed admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools.

Details of the proposed changes:

1. Removal of the reference to Fairfield Infant School and Colneis Junior School as paired infant and junior schools from the sibling oversubscription criterion.

Fairfield Infant School and Colneis Junior School have recently become academies and are no longer community schools for which Suffolk County Council is the admission authority.

We are now consulting on removing the reference to Fairfield Infant School and Colneis Junior School as paired infant and junior schools from the sibling oversubscription criterion.

2. Minor wording change

We are also consulting on a minor wording change, replacing 'in accordance with' with 'according to'. This change is intended to make the admission arrangements easier for parents and carers to read and understand by using clear, more everyday language. The proposed change does not alter the meaning or how the admission arrangements will be applied.

3. To consider the proposed Published Admission Numbers (PAN) for the 2028/2029 school year for community and voluntary controlled schools only

This is the number of school places that will be available at the school in its normal year of entry. We are proposing to reduce the PAN of Ranelagh Primary School, Ipswich, for the 2028/2029 school year. This is due to pupil forecasts indicating a reduction in pupil numbers and in order to sustain the viability of the schools in the area, particularly given the Infant Class Size Regulations. We are required to consult to decrease a school's PAN.

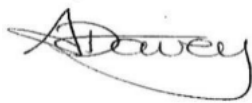
Further information on the proposed changes can be found on Suffolk County Council's website at www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations.

The governing body or academy trust of voluntary aided schools, free schools and academies is responsible for admissions to their schools. If you want to view the arrangements for these schools, you should look at the schools' website or contact the schools directly.

The schools in Appendix 1 have asked us to include their proposed admission arrangements for the 2028/2029 school year within our consultation. These arrangements can also be found at www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations.

The consultation closes on **Monday 23 November 2026**. You can have your say by completing the online survey to make any comments about the proposed policies.

Yours faithfully



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Appendix 1

The academy trust/governing body for the following schools have asked us to include their proposed admission arrangements for the 2028/2029 school year within our consultation. These can also be found at www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations.

- Bacton Primary School
- Britannia Primary School, Ipswich
- Castle Manor Academy, Haverhill
- Cedars Park Primary School, Stowmarket
- Claydon High School
- Claydon Primary School – proposed change to Published Admission Number
- Copleston High School, Ipswich
- Corton CEVAP School
- Dell Primary School, Lowestoft
- Elm Tree Primary Academy, Lowestoft
- Elveden Church of England Primary Academy
- Forest Academy, Brandon – proposed change to Published Admission Number
- Holbrook Academy
- Hopton Church of England Primary Academy
- Mendlesham Primary School
- Rose Hill Primary School, Ipswich – proposed change to Published Admission Number
- St Edmundsbury Church of England Primary Academy, Bury St Edmunds
- Stour Valley Community School, Clare
- Stowupland High School
- Trinity CEVAP School, Stowmarket