

8th December 2023

RE: Consultation on admission arrangements

Dear interested party,

I am writing to notify you of the consultation on Darwen Aldridge Sudell Primary School's 2025 – 26 admissions policy. The consultation period will run from 13 December 2023 until 24 January 2024; during this time, parents and other key stakeholders are invited to express their views and any concerns about the admission arrangements at Darwen Aldridge Sudell Primary School.

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.

It should be noted that no changes to the current admission arrangements have been proposed. Changes to the policy reflect the provision of additional wording or information that provides clarity or detail, rather than changing the way the policy is applied.

We are pleased to note that in parallel to this consultation, admissions consultations for Darwen Vale High School and Darwen Aldridge Community Academy include a proposal that Darwen Aldridge Sudell Primary School is named as a feeder school, which would provide priority to students at Darwen Aldridge Sudell Primary School when applying for year 7 places at either school.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party at Darwen Aldridge Sudell Primary School, we are keen to hear your views on the current admission arrangements; therefore, we invite you to participate in the consultation if you have any concerns regarding the matter. All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before 5pm on 24th January 2024 to Val Holt (PA to Principal, val.holt@sudell.blackburn.sch.uk). Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address and relationship to the academy.

At the end of the consultation period, Aldridge Education Board of Trustees will consider responses to the consultation and make a final decision regarding admissions approval.

If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact:
Val Holt (PA to Principal, val.holt@sudell.blackburn.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Harty
Principal