2 November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and other key stakeholders,

CHANGE TO ADMISSIONS POLICY CONSULTATION LETTER

The Consortium Academy Trust is consulting on admission arrangements for 2028 – 2029.

The consultation period is being held between Monday 02 November 2026 and Monday 14 December 2026.

East Riding

Hessle High School and Penshurst Primary School:

Following consultation on the de-amalgamation of Hessle High School and Penshurst Primary School, we are consulting on amendments to the secondary admission policy to reflect the proposed changes. The feedback to both consultations will be considered together before a decision is made, and if for any reason the de-amalgamation process is not approved, the proposed changes to Published Admission Number (PAN) for Hessle High School and status as a feeder primary school for Penshurst Primary School will not take effect.

The proposed changes to the admission policy are detailed below:

- The Published Admission Number (PAN) for Hessle High School and Sixth Form College to increase from 180 places to 240 places
- Penshurst Primary School will be recognised as a feeder primary school to Hessle High School and Sixth Form College

  From next year, children registered at Penshurst Primary School will need to apply for a place in Year 7 to continue their education at Hessle High School and Sixth Form College. The deadline for making applications each year is 31 October. Applications made after that date are treated as 'late' in accordance with the timetable for applications included in the policy.

  Note - there will be no change to Hessle High School's admissions criteria for 2027/28 as these arrangements have been set already so children in Year 6 at Penshurst Primary School this year will proceed to Hessle High in September 2027 without making an application via the Council as in previous years.

Analysis undertaken by the East Riding Council's School Organisation team shows that, if applied in any previous year since 2020 when the Council's current records date to, the proposed changes to PAN and feeder schools, would mean that every child who progressed from Penshurst Primary School to Hessle High School and Sixth Form College would have been offered a place upon making an application.

Holderness Academy:

- The Published Admission Number (PAN) for Holderness Academy to reduce from 210 places to 180 places

- The oversubscription Criteria will change as follows to reflect the correct employment status of staff:

Criterion (iv) - Places will next be allocated to children of members of staff of the Trust

The member of staff must have been employed by the Trust for two years or more at the time the application for admission to the school is made or have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

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Criterion (ii) - Places will next be allocated to children of members of staff of the Trust.

The member of staff must have been employed by the Trust for two years or more at the time the application for admission to the school is made or have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

You can find a link to the current admissions policies on the Trust website.

Any comments on these proposals should be addressed to: enquires@consortiumtrust.co.uk

Following the consultation, the admission authority (the Trust) will formally set ('determine') the admission arrangements for admission in 2028-29 by 28 February 2027. The determined policy will be uploaded on The Consortium Academy Trust website by 15 March 2027.

If you require a paper copy of the policy, you can request this from the Trust via enquiries@consortiumtrust.co.uk or 01482 46983

Yours faithfully

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