



# DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy



## RE: Consultation on Admission Arrangements

Dear interested party,

I am writing to notify you of the consultation on the Academy'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 Vale High 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.

The main change to the admissions policy is the inclusion of feeder schools for the oversubscription criteria.

For applications into year 7, Sudell Primary School is named as a feeder school, as part of the Aldridge family of schools.

Other minor changes to the current admission policy reflect the provision of additional wording or information that provides clarity or detail, rather than changing the way the policy is applied.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party at Darwen Vale High 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: [ckenyon@darwenvale.com](mailto:ckenyon@darwenvale.com) 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 ask for Mr A Bradley, Assistant Principal.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Little  
Principal