



# OWLS Academy Trust

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Dear Parents

## Consultation on Admissions Policy

The OWLS Academy Trust is the admissions authority for all schools within the Trust and is required to consult in respect of any proposed changes to the admissions policy, or every 7 years if the policy has remained unchanged.

The Trust has broadly adopted the Leicestershire County Council Admissions Policy, except that with effect from Autumn 2019 we cap numbers in each year group at all of our schools across the Trust. This arrangement was subject to appropriate consultation in December-January 2017 and is intended to continue. Capping means that once a year group is full then no further children will be admitted into that year group even if they move into the catchment area.

The majority of the changes to the policy are cosmetic, and have been made in order to improve clarity rather than to affect the process and criteria for pupil admission to our schools. However, in Autumn 2018 the Trust was awarded the opportunity to take on responsibility for a brand new school opening in New Lubbesthorpe in Autumn 2019. For the first year of operation New Lubbesthorpe Primary School will have its own Admissions Policy which was consulted upon as part of the process for opening a new school. This policy mirrors the Trust Policy, and therefore it is proposed to include New Lubbesthorpe Primary School within the Trust Admissions Policy.

Fernvale Primary School began a program of expansion from September 2018. Initially it was intended that school would undergo phased increase to 45 pupils per year group. However, the scale of housing development in the area has necessitated further review and it is now proposed to increase pupil numbers to 60 per year group on a phased basis over the coming years, beginning with admission of a maximum of 60 children into the Foundation Stage in Autumn 2020. The phased approach should ensure that the additional places are targeted for children living in or moving to live in the local area.

You can view the full consultation document and proposed policy and catchment areas online on the website of your child's school or at <https://www.owlsacademytrust.co.uk/information/admissions/>, or by requesting a copy from the school office. These documents provide details of how you can respond to the consultation should you so wish.

In accordance with statutory requirements, the consultation period will run for 6 weeks from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Yours Sincerely

Peter Merry  
CEO