



ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION FOR

Mowbray Education Trust to come into effect for entry from Autumn 2027.

This consultation document outlines the proposed changes to admission arrangements across all schools within the Mowbray Education Trust and initiates the statutory consultation process required under the School Admissions Code 2021.

Admission authorities are legally required to consult on their arrangements at least once every seven years, or sooner if changes are proposed. In accordance with paragraphs 1.47 to 1.50 of the School Admissions Code, consultation must be undertaken for a minimum of six weeks between 1 October and 31 January, and must include:

- Parents of children aged between 2 and 18
- Other admission authorities in the area
- The local authority
- Governing bodies (where not the admission authority)
- Any adjoining local authorities
- Relevant religious bodies (for faith schools)

The purpose of this consultation is to ensure transparency, fairness, and community engagement in the admissions process. All proposed arrangements, including any changes to the Published Admission Number (PAN), are published on each school's website, with clear instructions on how stakeholders can submit feedback.

The Trust welcomes views from all interested parties and will consider all responses before determining final arrangements by 28 February, with publication by 15 March, as required by the Code.

Mowbray Education Trust is seeking your views on the changes proposed below. Our consultation will run for 6 weeks from 11.11.25 to 23.12.25.

This revised policy will operate for entry September 2027. It will also apply to all mid-term admissions for the school year 2027/28 and for subsequent years until further notice.

The Policy will clarify that Mowbray Education Trust is the admissions authority for all schools within the Trust. Namely:

Ab Kettley Primary School

Brownlow Primary School

Buckminster Primary School

Iveshead School

John Ferneley College

The Grove Primary School

Sherrard Primary School

Somerby Primary School

The revised policy clarifies that Mowbray Education Trust co-ordinates with Leicestershire County Council for the administration of admissions applications.

Admissions Arrangements:

Proposal i

Mowbray Education Trust seek to produce a single admissions policy outlining the admissions processes to all schools in the Trust. The current over subscription criteria for each school will remain unchanged. No other changes to the policy are proposed.

Rationale:

This will create clarity and consistency for parents and schools and allow for seamless collaboration with the Local Authority

Proposal ii

The Grove Primary School is seeking to reduce its Admission Number from 38 to 30 from autumn 2027 onwards from reception.

Rationale:

This change will allow the school to continue to provide excellent learning opportunities whilst providing assurance in resourcing and delivery. This proposal is in keeping with a recent decline in pupil admission numbers. The trust wishes to assure parents this is only a temporary measure until either birth increase and/or demand increases.

Proposal iii

Brownlow Primary School is seeking to reduce its Admission Number from 90 to 75 from autumn 2027 onwards from reception.

Rationale:

Following the success of recent restructuring of classes the school wish to secure a meaningful change in admission numbers to accommodate for physical space restrictions and to provide assurance in resourcing and delivery. The school is redeploying some classroom space to an enhanced Special Educational Needs resource base.

Proposal iv

Iveshead School is seeking to increase its Admission Number from 150 to 240 from autumn 2027 on a phased basis starting from year 7.

Rationale:

Following a significant change and expansion project in response to significant future housing growth in the area the school wish to prepare and align the policy with a more appropriate Admission Number that will allow the school to accommodate all local future students. This proposal is in keeping with pupil planning admission forecasts.

Comments and representations on the proposals

Please note that for this consultation process it is only the areas listed above where comments are sought. However, both the Trust and the individual academies would welcome views on all areas within the admissions policy for future consideration.

Please indicate clearly in the comments, your role within the community from the list below:

- Acting on behalf of a Local Authority (Please indicate which Local Authority)
- Acting on behalf of an Admissions Authority (Please indicate which Admissions Authority)
- Teacher / Governor of a local school
- Parent at one of the academies within the Trust
- Parent from a school/academy that is not within Mowbray Education Trust

You can share your comments on the proposal using one of the options below:

- Email: Governance@mowbrayeducation.org
- In writing to: Executive Lead for Governance and Compliance, Pera Business Park, Melton Mowbray Leicestershire LE13 0PB

Anonymous comments and representations will not be accepted.

What happens after the consultation closes?

All responses received will be considered. Trustees make a decision on behalf of Mowbray Education Trust taking into account a range of information, including the consultation responses. They will do this based on representations that are most suitable according to the local circumstances.