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CONSULTATION FOR PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/2027

The Admissions Code of Practice 2012 requires an Admissions Authority to consult each time it proposes to make significant changes to its admissions arrangements.

The Creative Education Trust (CET) is the Admissions Authority for the family of Academies within CET and, as such, administers the admission arrangements on behalf of the Academy Council of Caister Academy. We are proposing to change our admissions policy to adopt the following changes to be in effect from September 2026:

- Reducing the Published Admissions Number (PAN) from 165 to 120
- Selection of up to 10% of our pupils (i.e. 12 pupils) on the basis of aptitude for the Performing Arts

The reasons for proposing the reduction of the PAN are as follows:

- There is a projected reduction in pupils joining the school in future years because of a falling birth rate within the local area.
- By making sure our intake matches demand in the area we can continue to provide the quality of education that we pride ourselves on and ensure education and business efficiency for the school.

The reasons for proposing the selection of up to 10% of our pupils on the basis of aptitude for the Performing Arts are as follows:

- As a Performing Arts specialist school we are committed to excellence in dance, drama and music. This means that students who identify early that this is their passion and likely future career, will excel in achievement within these subjects, and most importantly receive expert teaching that will enable this future success.
- We believe Performing Arts can help students develop creativity, innovation, and communication skills. Performing Arts can also help students express themselves and discover their talents whilst refining skill development. Universities increasingly require applicants to demonstrate these skills and provide examples of well-rounded achievement and successes.

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Accordingly, the Board of Directors of CET is undertaking this statutory consultation process with the parents and other stakeholders for Caister Academy including:

- parents of children between the ages of five and eighteen;
- other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions;
- all other admission authorities within the relevant area;
- whichever of the governing body and the local authority who are not the admission authority; and
- any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority.

CET wishes to invite interested parties to take part in this consultation on the amendment of the Admission Policy for Caister Academy – please see www.caisteracademy.org.uk for the proposed revised Admissions Policy.

The consultation will take place for 6 term-time weeks between **Thursday 7th November 2024 and Thursday 19th December 2024.**

Your views on any aspect of the admission arrangements will be sent to our Academy Council and the Board of Directors for consideration.

All responses received by the end of the consultation period will be carefully considered and will decide the admission arrangements for the school year 2026/2027. Once the arrangements have been determined, they will be published on the Academy's website by 15th March 2025.

We therefore invite you to take part in this consultation on the amendment to our admission policy.

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

Online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Caister26>

By email to: consultation@creativeeducationtrust.org.uk

By post to: By completing the form in Appendix A and posting it to Miss Helen Seath, Principal, Caister Academy, Windsor Road, Caister on Sea, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR30 5LS, or leaving it at the School Reception

Yours sincerely,

Miss Helen Seath
Principal Caister Academy



APPENDIX A – CONSULTATION FORM

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As such The Admissions Code of Practice requires us to consult with stakeholders.

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Our proposed full policy can be viewed on our website, or you can request a copy from the school office.



1. Are you:

- a parent or carer of a student at Caister Academy?
- a parent or carer of a student considering joining Caister Academy?
- a Governor at Caister Academy?
- a member of staff at Caister Academy?
- a local secondary school?
- a local primary school?
- a local Councillor?
- an Officer of Norfolk County Council?
- an Officer of another Local Authority?
- Other (please specify)

2. Do you agree with the proposed amendments to the admissions policy for effect in 2026/27?

- Yes
- No



3. If you do not agree with the proposed policy, please state why:

4. If you have any comments, please state them below: