

# **Admissions Arrangements Consultation Paper**

**2027/28**

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# Sirius Academy North

## Secondary School Admissions 2027/28

**Consultation to change Sirius Academy North Admissions Policy**  
**The proposed changes would be effective from September 2027**  
**Consultation dates: 07th November 2025- 19th December 2025**

### 1. The proposals

Decrease the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 280 to 180.

This would mean that Sirius Academy North would take 180 students into Year 7 in September 2027 and all subsequent years. A PAN of 180 would be sufficient to meet the demand for places and to allow the school to focus on improving outcomes for all learners. However, we are committed to working with the authority to admit all students who have submitted a preference for Sirius Academy North where the number of applications exceed the published admission number of 180. This applies to 2027 admissions and Year 7 admissions in subsequent years

**All students currently in the Academy would be unaffected. The proposed change will not affect the current pupils or those who choose to accept an offer for a Year 7 place in September 2026.** The admissions arrangements, in terms of catchment area and oversubscription criteria, will not change. The current admissions policy can be viewed on the school's website.

### 2. Reason for change:

The proposed change will manage the financial impact of lowering demand due to declining birth rates. The change will provide stability, which will help align teaching, learning and resource allocation for the benefit of the Academy community and students currently within the Academy. The Trust and staff are working hard to continue to improve the outcomes of all our pupils and feel strongly that the proposed reduction will benefit future outcomes for our young learners, whilst still enabling us to meet the demand of places. Reducing the PAN will assist the Trust to provide stability in its long-term planning and allow the school to secure high-quality educational outcomes for the pupils currently on our roll, while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers in line with demand in the local area.

### 3. The consultation

We are consulting directly with all those who we think may be directly affected by our proposals. We are directly asking for the views of:

- Parents/Carers
- Staff
- The local community
- Local authorities
- Other local schools

#### 4. How can I tell you what I think?

As set out in the Schools Admission Code, we are entering into a 6-week statutory consultation. Following the consultation, Trustees shall apply to the Regional Schools Commissioner to make a decision, on behalf of the Secretary of State.

The consultation will run from to 07<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025. You can complete the stakeholder response form through the website or by following the QR code and completing the Microsoft Forms



