6th November 2026

Consultation on proposed admission arrangements: Rastrick High School

Admissions for September 2028 entry.

Consultation Period: 6 November 2026 to 18 December 2026.

Dear Parent, Carer, School Leader, Governor and Interested Stakeholder,

Rastrick High School is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for entry in September 2028. This consultation is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code 2021.

As the admission authority for the school, Polaris Multi Academy Trust is required to undertake a formal consultation where changes to admission arrangements are proposed. We are therefore seeking views on the proposed admissions policy and arrangements before they are determined.

The consultation will run from **6 November 2026 until 18 December 2026**, exceeding the statutory six-week consultation requirement and including more than the required fifteen school days.

Proposed changes
The proposed admission arrangements are set out in full within the accompanying draft Admissions Policy. Stakeholders are encouraged to review the document carefully. The consultation materials explain the proposed oversubscription criteria and the arrangements that would apply for admissions to Rastrick High School from September 2028.

The principal changes are:

- Introduction of a staff criterion.
- Changes to feeder school arrangements.

The rationale for the proposed changes
The proposed amendments to the admission arrangements are intended to ensure that the policy remains clear, transparent and aligned with the needs of the local community. The changes seek to strengthen established partnerships with local primary schools, particularly those that are within the Trust, support the recruitment and retention of high-quality staff, and provide greater clarity for parents and carers regarding the allocation of places. Polaris Multi Academy Trust believes that the proposed arrangements continue to comply with the School

Admissions Code while supporting fair access to education and reflecting the school's role within the local area.

How to respond
We welcome comments, observations and feedback from all interested parties, including:

- Parents and carers
- Local schools and academy trusts
- Governing bodies
- Calderdale Council
- Kirklees Council
- Local residents
- Community organisations
- Diocesan authorities and other relevant stakeholders

Responses should be submitted in writing by **5.00pm on 18 December 2026**. This consultation letter and the draft admissions policy are available on the School's website.

Comments may be sent to:

Chief Executive Officer
Polaris Multi Academy Trust
Riverside House
Unit G3
Lowfields Business Park
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HX5 9DB
Or by email to consultation@polarismat.org.uk

What happens next?
Following the consultation period, all responses received will be carefully considered by Polaris Multi Academy Trust before final admission arrangements are determined in February 2027. The final admission arrangements will be published in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code. We encourage all interested parties to review the proposed arrangements and provide their views.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this consultation.

Yours faithfully,

Steve Evans
Chief Executive Officer
Polaris Multi Academy Trust
On behalf of Rastrick High School