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Lee Mount Academy - Proposed Admissions Policy 2026/2027

Dear Stakeholder,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Trustees at Impact Trust and governors at Lee Mount Academy to invite you to participate in a consultation regarding the proposed Admission Policy for Lee Mount Academy for the academic year 2026/2027.

In accordance with the Schools Admission Code, we are required to consult on admission arrangements whenever changes are proposed. Alternatively, if no changes are being suggested, a consultation should still be conducted every seven years. The Trust has decided to initiate this consultation to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) at the academy from 50 to 30, effective from September 2026. It is important to note that this reduction in PAN aims to improve the provision of education at the academy without compromising its ethos, values, and future success.

There has been a decline in pupil places needed in the North Halifax area and this is to continue. It is predicted that less than 30 children will be allocated a place to Lee Mount Academy in the September of 2028. This adjustment in PAN will contribute to the Trust's medium-term financial planning, fostering stability, and allowing the Trust to deploy resources effectively. The Trust will continue to collaborate with Calderdale Local Authority to ensure that future pupil numbers align with local demand, working in partnership for the benefit of all stakeholders.

The consultation period is scheduled to run from Monday 9th December 2024, to Monday 20th January 2025. We welcome feedback from all stakeholders. Responses to the consultation must be submitted no later than midnight on Monday 20th January 2025. You can provide your input in writing by email to Rhia Lansbury-Palmer, Improvement and Compliance Coordinator, at rlansbury-palmer@i-mat.org.uk.

A copy of the proposed Admission Policy for 2026/2027, along with a duplicate of this letter, is available on both the <u>academy website</u> and <u>Trust website</u>.

When submitting your correspondence, please use the title 'Proposed Admission Policy 2026/2027 for clarity.

We sincerely hope that you will actively engage in this consultation process.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Normington

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