



Thursday 6th November 2025

Admissions policy consultation letter

Dear stakeholder

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on Kernow Learning's admissions policy 2027/2028. The consultation period will run from **Thursday 6th November** until **Wednesday 17th December 2025** during this time we would like to invite you to express your views and any concerns about the admission arrangements proposed at St Columb Major Academy.

In accordance with the DfE's 2014 statutory 'School Admissions Code' guidance, as a school we must consult on our admission arrangements when changes are proposed, and at least once every seven years.

To this end, the following amendments to our admission arrangements have been proposed:

- **Setting the PAN for St Columb Major Academy for 2027/28 at 45 pupils**

Over Subscription Criteria

In the event of there being **more applications** for places than those Published Admissions Numbers in the previous table, the Board of Trustees has set the following admissions criteria listed in order of priority for the allocation of the places, after the admission of children with an EHC plan that names the particular school:

1. Children in care and previously looked after children who left care under a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. All children adopted from care. Children in care or children that were previously in care but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order ** including those who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in care as a result of being adopted.*
2. Children who live within the designated area of the Academy, as defined by Cornwall Council, whose siblings are currently attending and will still be attending at the time of the intended admission of the child.
3. Children who live outside of the designated area of the School and have a sibling attending the Kernow Learning School they are applying for at the time of application and who will still have a sibling attending the School at the proposed date of admission.
4. Children with an unequivocal professional recommendation from a doctor, school medical officer, educational psychologist, health visitor, educational welfare officer or social worker that non-placement at the school would cause harm to the child and that placement is essential. Such recommendations must be made in writing and must give full supporting reasons.
5. Children of all staff (teaching and support staff) who are in the paid employment of the school for which they are applying, for at least 2 years at the time of the application.

6. Children who live within the designated area of the Academy, as defined by the LA, or whose parents/carers can provide evidence that they will be living in the designated area of the School by the date from which admission is required.
7. Any child who does not fit into one of the above categories will be considered next. Places will be allocated up to the published indicated admission number.

The full version of the admission arrangements is attached. A paper copy can be sent to you on request from **Nancy Harper** at nharper@kernowlearning.co.uk or 01637 880272

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party of St Columb Major Academy we are keen to hear your views on the **change to our published admission numbers 60 pupils to 45 pupils at the start of the academic year 2027/28**, therefore, we invite you to participate in the consultation if you have any concerns regarding the matter.

All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before **12pm** on **Wednesday 17th December** to:

Nancy Harper – nharper@kernowlearning.co.uk or dropped into the school office.

Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address and relationship to the school.

At the end of the consultation period, the Trust will meet to consider responses. The outcome of the consultation will be published on the school website as soon as possible following a decision being reached by the board.

Yours sincerely,



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