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## **THE CHALLENGE ACADEMY TRUST BOARD**

### **ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS DETERMINATION**

**South Wirral High School  
The Sutton Academy**

3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2026

## Summary

Under the 2021 Admissions Code, all Admissions Authorities must publish admission arrangements annually and consult on those arrangements every 7 years as a minimum even when there are no changes to the arrangements.

The Challenge Academy Trust Board is therefore the Admissions Authority for the primary and secondary academies within the Trust. The Trust and its academies have developed a policy which ensures all academies within the Trust have a unified approach to admissions, whilst ensuring the individual character of each academy is maintained.

## 2027-28 Admissions Year Consultation

The Admission Arrangements for South Wirral High School and The Sutton Academy have gone out to consultation for 2027-28 as a result of the proposed closure of their Sixth Form provision for which DfE approval has been sought.

The proposals consulted on do not seek to change the arrangements for Year 7 entry in September 2027 but focuses on the removal of the Sixth Form entry in their Admissions Policy.

The revised policies and consultation documents are included here:

### **South Wirral High School Proposed Arrangements and Consultation**

<https://app.governorhub.com/document/6932e24641fd659d41145500/view>

### **The Sutton Academy**

Proposed Arrangements:

<https://app.governorhub.com/document/693863554db03edffd84f581/view>

Consultation:

<https://app.governorhub.com/document/693863553c76a1f7f2be5dc5/view>

On 5 December 2025, the Trust Board approved the proposed Admission Arrangements for both academies in principle, subject to consideration of the outcomes of the consultations and confirmation from the DfE that they consent to the closure of the Sixth Form provisions.

## Consultation Outcome

Following the closure of the consultation period, both academies have confirmed that they have received no responses to the consultation.

The DfE have also confirmed that they consent to the closure of the Sixth Forms.

## Admission Arrangements Determination

The Trust Board, having considered the consultation processes and outcomes and the approval of the DfE for the Sixth Form closures, therefore confirm that they approve the determination of the Admission Arrangements for South Wirral High School and The Sutton Academy as outlined in the proposed Admission Arrangements for 2027-28.