

FAQs

As the consultation progresses, these FAQs will be updated.

Q – My child is currently in the school, will it impact them?

No. The PAN reduction is only applied to admissions from September 2024 onwards.

Q – If the school reduced the PAN, can it exceed it if there is a demand for spaces?

In EYFS and KS1 classes cannot exceed 60 pupils. However, once the children are in KS2 the school can exceed PAN if needed. In the event of a year where there are significant numbers of children requiring spaces, the school may work directly with the Local Authority to create a 'bulge' year group, this would be a single year group that is expanded to 90 children.

Q – What will the impact be on staffing?

A reduction in size will inevitably impact on the amount of staff needed. The staffing numbers have already reduced over the last few years with only two classes running in Reception and Year 1. The school has a strategic plan in place to manage the staffing reduction. Examples of actions within it maybe not necessarily replacing staff who leave which in turn will reduce the possible redundancies moving forward.

Q – How will reducing the PAN make the school more financially efficient?

Each pupil brings in funding of around £3500. When classes are undersubscribed they put the school under financial strain. Back in 2017, the school had just 66 pupils in Year R. As Reception classes should not exceed 30, the school ran 3 classes. Each class had a teacher, each class also needs an Early Years Practitioner. Not being fully subscribed in that year group meant a shortfall of £84,000. If you follow that particular cohort through the school until the children left in year 6 - that is lot of money coming into the school budget.

Q – My child is in a year group that already has 60 pupils within it?

If your child is already in Year R and Year 1, these year groups have two forms of entry. Throughout their school journey, the children will remain in a two class year group.

Q – I am a prospective parent... will my child get a space in reception if you are smaller?

If your child is in the catchment area, it is incredibly likely that your child will get a space in our reception. If not in catchment, please take comfort in the fact that this year, for example, 27 children have joined us from 'out of catchment' and we still have 9 spaces.