

Supporting information for the Consultation on Proposed Reduction in Published Admission Number (PAN) for Chadsmead Primary Academy 60 to 30 for September 2023.

The Schools Admissions Code requires Staffordshire County Council to notify the appropriate bodies of its proposal to reduce the PAN at Chadsmead Primary Academy, Lichfield, from 60 pupils to 30 pupils from September 2023.

This proposal has come about as a result of falling numbers on roll and the impact that this has on the budget and financial capacity of the school to maintain the existing class and staff structure.

For September 2018 the school had a class of 25 for reception instead of the usual 60. To continue with numbers as low as 19 is not a viable option as there is insufficient funding to maintain the required staffing levels for 2 forms of entry. Lower numbers in other year groups also continue to impact on the budget.

Past Pupil Admission Numbers

	Admission number	Number admitted	Number of appeals
2018/2019	60	25	0
2019/2020	60	27	0
2020/2021	60	19	0
2021/2022	60	32	0

With predicted low numbers for future years, and smaller cohorts throughout school, the impact is significant to the school's annual budget and plans are having to be put in place to reduce staffing costs accordingly. Staffordshire County Council do not provide individual school projections however, Chadsmead Primary Academy forms part of the Lichfield Town North Planning Cluster together with Willows Primary, Charnwood Primary and St Peter & St Paul's Catholic Primary. Generally the intake for Chadsmead Primary Academy is between 20% and 25% of the total cluster intake. These projected admission numbers would support our proposal to reduce the PAN.

Projected Admission Numbers for our Cluster Area

2022/23	115
2023/24	127
2024/25	147
2025/26	144

A reduction in PAN means that there can be one class per year group, increased space throughout school and consistent class sizes. Without the reduction in PAN there would be continuously changing mixed year groups, some larger classes and a lack of consistency within school. This would impact on the education of our students and well-being of all stakeholders.

The Governing Body at Chadsmead Primary Academy have been consulted and are in agreement with this proposal.

Please direct any queries or comments that you wish to make on this proposal to me in writing using the form provided within the consultation letter by Tuesday 4th January 2022.

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Mrs G Grainger

Headteacher