

Whetley Academy Consultation

We are consulting on:

- A reduction in the academy's Pupil Admission Number (PAN) from 90 to 60 pupils effective from 1 September 2025.

Summary

Whetley Academy are looking to consult with all parties to reduce the PAN held by the Local Authority from 90 to 60 pupils. The Schools Admission Code details the timescales for consultation, which would allow for the PAN to be permanently reduced to 60 effective from September 2025.

The academy has seen a reduction in pupil numbers and current year reception is at 45 with a maximum number within a class at 77 - Years 5 and 6. The reduction in PAN will allow the academy to move to 2 form entry allowing structures to be more financially sustainable moving forward. The demographic has changed, and it is unlikely numbers will return to the levels of 90 per class.

There will therefore be no detrimental effect to parents and pupils in relation to the reduction to PAN. Parents/Guardians will still be able to access their school of choice.

The Local Authority has provided details of the expected demographic for pupil numbers at Whetley Academy and current predictions for pupil numbers in Reception consistently forecast to decline to significantly less than two form. The data shows there has been a reduction in pupils within the catchment and that an admission number of 90 is no longer relevant.

Reception forecast data (based on May '22 Health data)	2024 PAN (currently)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Whetley Academy	90	43	48	36	38	34

Who will be affected?

We are consulting directly with all those who we think may be directly affected by our proposals.

We are directly asking for the views of:

- parents
- staff
- the local community and
- local authority
- other local schools

How can I tell you what I think?

The consultation will run from Friday 20th October 2023 until Friday 1st December 2023.

If you wish to get in touch and tell us what you think you can do this in the following ways:

- By email to info@whetleyacademy.org.uk
- By Phone 01274 422041

What happens next?

Following the end of the consultation period we will provide an update on our website.

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