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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Proposed changes to our school admission number from September 2021

On Friday 13th December 2019, we will be starting a consultation regarding our admission numbers from 2021. The governors have proposed that we change our admission to Reception from September 2021 to 90 places instead of 120.

The reason we are proposing a change to our admission numbers is because there has been a drop in Reception age children over the last 3 years: 2017 – 98, 2018 – 74, 2019 – 81, and it is predicted that a drop in Reception numbers will continue in the next 2 years.

It is important to the governing body of Priory School to consider the views of our parents and the wider community. If you would like to contribute, please email nicky.whitaker@prioryschool.com by 31st January 2020.

The consultation will run from Friday 13th December 2019 until Friday 31st January 2020. After this date, the governing body will meet on 10th February 2020 to consider the evidence gathered and to determine the schools admissions arrangements for 2021/22 and the results of the consultation will be given by 28th February 2020.

Yours sincerely

Mr Roy Barrett
Chair of Governors

Jacqueline Laver
Headteacher



STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED REDUCTION IN PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBERS (PAN) FOR PRIORY SCHOOL FOR THE 2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

Priory School proposes to reduce the published admission number of the school from 120 to 90 in Reception with effect from September 2021.

Time frame of Consultation

13th December 2019	Consultation starts.
31st January 2020	Consultation ends.
28th February 2020	Admission authorities must determine admission arrangements for 2021 and publish a copy on their website.
15th March 2020	Admission authorities must send a copy of their determined admissions arrangements to the LA.

Specific Proposal

Priory School would welcome views on the proposed reduction in the number of places available for children in Reception from 2021. **For children who already have a place at the school, they will not be affected.**

Factors that have been considered are:

- Improving outcomes for pupils.
- Impact on pupil mobility – the impact of learning where new pupils are able to apply for a place at the school throughout the academic year.
- Class sizes.
- There are spaces in all year groups.
- The actual number of pupils attending the school in the Reception class is nearer to 90 each year, with in year fluctuations.
- The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils including those with additional needs.
- Future resource planning and management.
- Recruitment of teachers.

Background

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for Priory School is 120. This means the number of children that can be admitted into the school at Year R (Reception) each year is currently 120. We propose that from 2021 this will be reduced to 90 in the Reception class.

Historically, the school has been dealing with high levels of pupil mobility making it very difficult to effectively plan the number of classes and teaching staff every year. Priory School is committed to developing its provision to meet the pupils' needs. Reducing the PAN will enable the school to better deploy its resources to improve overall outcomes for pupils and raise standards. Reducing the PAN will also assist the school in its long-term planning to assess and potentially support any changes, while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers to support local demand.

What Happens Next – How to Respond

The consultation will run from 13th December 2019 to 31st January 2020 and you are invited to submit your comments in writing to Nicky Whitaker. This can be through email or to the address below:

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Following the consultation the school will consider all comments received and agree to a final position on the PAN in its meeting on 10th February 2020 which will determine the admission arrangements for 2021 and beyond.