



Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to you as a key stakeholder in our consultation to reduce our Published Admission Number for Year 7.

Introduction

The Governors and the Leadership Team of Guseley School propose to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for new Year 7 pupils from 240 to 210, to take effect from applications in 2021 seeking admission in September 2022. The proposed change will help the school effectively focus its learning and teaching resources to significantly improve the education offered at Guseley School. No other changes to the admission arrangements will be made. **The proposed change will not affect the current pupils or those who choose to accept an offer for a Year 7 place in September 2020 or 2021.** Governors would like to ensure that all current and future parents, and any other interested stakeholders can make comments on this proposal. Information on how you can do this is detailed at the end of this letter under the section title "How to make your views known".

Guseley School has undergone significant improvements in recent years and is proud to be a community school. The proposed changes will ensure that we continue to have capacity to provide for all Guseley children and families while continuing to have the capacity to respond to demand for places from neighbouring areas such as Yeadon, Baildon and Menston. The change will ensure that our curriculum, staffing and other resources are targeted at the 210 students who will attend the school each year, rather than having a shortfall of students, and therefore a shortfall in funding each year.

Background

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for Guseley School is 240. Reducing the PAN will assist Governors and leaders in ensuring stability in its long term planning and allow the school to secure high quality educational outcomes for the pupils currently on our roll, while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers in line with demand in the local area and surrounding localities. Although the Regulations and Code of Practice relating to school admissions no longer require an admissions authority to consult when maintaining or increasing a school's PAN, there remains a requirement to consult when the proposal is to reduce. Guseley School Governing Body, as the admissions authority for Guseley School, is seeking comments on the proposed change.

Specific Proposal

The Governing Body propose to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 240 to 210 with effect from September 2022. This means that the number of school places for pupils wishing to request a place to attend Guseley School in to begin Year 7 in September 2022 will be 210, as will all subsequent Year 7 cohorts thereafter. For pupils who already have a place at Guseley School in other year groups, there will be no change. This is the only proposed change to the admissions criteria; all other criteria will remain the same.

The consultation will run from November 9th 2020 until December 21st 2020.

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How to make your views known:

All stakeholders are invited to submit comments on the change to the Pupil Admission Number (PAN) in writing about the proposal to:

- Guiseley School, Fieldhead Road, Guiseley, Leeds, LS20 8DT f.a.o Megan Thomas

Or email to:

- info@guiseleyschool.org.uk (please title email PAN Consultation Guiseley School)

Please note, comments on aspects of the policy other than the PAN are not required as they are not being consulted upon.

For the duration of the consultation Guiseley School website (www.guiseleyschool.org.uk) will display the following documents:

- Proposal Summary
- Proposed new Admissions Arrangements
- Current Admissions Arrangements
- Letters to Stakeholders and Parents

Stakeholders are deemed to be:

- Parents and carers of children aged between 2 and 18 years of age
- Aireborough Learning Partnership Trust
- Leeds Local Authority and Bradford Local Authority
- Any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority
- Other persons in the local area who may have an interest in the proposed new arrangements

Following the consultation, all comments and feedback will be shared with the Guiseley School Governing Body, as the admission authority for the school, in order to make a final determination in accordance with section 1.46 of the Admissions Code. The final determination will be shared with the Local Authorities, Parents of Guiseley School students, local feeder schools and anyone who has responded to the consultation.

Following determination, any objections to those arrangements must be made to the Schools Adjudicator in line with section 1.50 of the admissions code.

Kind Regards

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