



Consultation Overview:

Guseley School Reduction of Published Admission Number (PAN)

The Published Admission Number (PAN) at Guseley School is currently 240. This means that the number of pupils admitted to Guseley School in year 7 each year is a maximum of 240. The Governing Body at Guseley School seek to reduce this by 30 places which will result in an annual pupil intake each September of 210. It is proposed that this change will take effect for the cohort joining Guseley School in September 2022.

Each year Guseley School has a number of school places unallocated; in four of the last five years we have received under the pupil allocated number in Year 7. This number has been at least ten places short for the last two years and is projected by the Local Authority to continue to decline over the next four years. This has significant implications for the deployment of school resources, the organisation of the curriculum and the school's ability to effectively financially plan.

Reducing the PAN will assist Governors and Senior Leaders in providing stability to their long-term planning while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers living in the local and surrounding area. It guarantees places for children attending local primary schools while continuing to make provision for children who wish to travel to Guseley School from Menston, Baildon, Yeadon and other surrounding areas in line with historical demand. It was also allow the school to more effectively continue it's development as a values driven organisation that delivers human-scale education and truly values each individual that attends the school.

The current PAN of 240 is significantly higher than combined demand from the local community (LS19 and LS20) and neighbouring communities (BD17, LS29), our key feeder areas. Reducing the PAN will enable the school to meet local demand and reconfigure costs to reflect uptake. It should be noted that the purpose of the proposed reduction is not to cap admissions permanently at the lower level, but to bring the admission capacity in line with the actual demand from local families and the projections over the coming years.

The majority of school's income funding is based upon the actual number of pupils who attend, not the set Published Admission Number (PAN), therefore there will be no financial detriment to Guseley School's income through this reduction. A reduced PAN of 210 has been modelled by senior leaders to ensure that the school will be financially robust in terms of efficient timetabling and resource allocation. This will enable Guseley School to deploy our resources more efficiently in pursuit of raising standards even further.