

**Consultation on a proposed reduction in the published admission number for  
Holy Family Catholic High School (Virgins Lane, Thornton, L23 4UL)  
with effect from September 2025**

**Background**

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for Holy Family Catholic High School is 168. This means that the number of children admitted into the school at Year 7 each year is limited to 168. Reducing the PAN to 160 will assist the Governing Body in their long-term planning and continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers living in the school's designated parishes.

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 a PAN. The school's Governing Body, as the admissions authority, is seeking comments on the proposed change.

**Specific Proposal**

The Governing Body propose to reduce the published admission number of the school from 168 to 160 with effect from September 2025.

This means that the number of places available for children in Year 7 in 2025 – and all subsequent cohorts – will be 160. For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change; the admission number for all other years remain at the previous planned admission number.

Factors that have been considered by the Governing Body in deciding to consult on this proposal include:

- The continued ability of the school to provide sufficient places for baptised Catholic children in the school's designated parishes
- The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils
- Future resource planning and management
- The capacity and organisation of the school building

**How to Respond**

This consultation will run from 4 December 2023 until 28 January 2024 and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to: The Archdiocese of Liverpool, Education Department, St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, L17 1AA. Please mark all correspondence for the attention of Michael Boland. Comments should also be copied to the Chair of Governing Body at the school address.

Alternatively, you may wish to e-mail: [aes@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:aes@rcaol.org.uk).

Please submit any comments no later than 28 January 2024. Following the consultation period, the Governing Body will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Admission arrangements for 2025 will be determined by 28 February 2024 and any subsequent objections will need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator by 15 May 2024.