

CONSULTATION ON A PROPOSED REDUCTION IN THE PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER FOR STANILAND ACADEMY FROM SEPTEMBER 2023

What are we consulting you on?

Staniland Academy is consulting on the Academy's admission arrangements. These arrangements are for pupils who will be starting in Reception from September 2023. The proposal is to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for new Reception pupils from 90 to 60, from 1 September 2023.

Why are we doing this?

The proposed change is a result of a significant and continuing reduction in children of primary age living in Boston. The town's school age population is currently decreasing and there is a falling birth rate. The reduction in children in recent years has caused pressure on the academy's overall budget. In addition, the community does not need the academy to currently offer 90 places each year for new Reception starters. On the 7th of October 2021, the academy had a total of 94 pupils below the capacity of 630 as a result of the reduction of school age children in the area.

What impact will the proposed changes have?

If the proposal goes ahead, it means that in September 2023 Staniland Academy will have 60 places available for new Reception starters split into two classes, rather than 90 pupils across three classes. The changes will help to secure the financial viability of the academy. There will be no other changes to the Admissions Policy.

Who are we consulting with?

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires that all admission authorities undertake a statutory consultation to seek the views and comments of parents/carers, other admission authorities, pre-schools, nurseries in the relevant area, Lincolnshire County Council, neighbouring local authorities, and anyone else who may be affected by the proposed changes. The consultation will run for 6 weeks commencing on 15 November 2021 and closing on 10 January 2022.

A copy of the School Admission Code 2021 can be found at [School admissions code 2021 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/101222/school-admissions-code-2021.pdf)

How can you respond to the consultation?

We welcome feedback and consultation from everyone, and this can be given in any of the following ways –

- Email the Staniland Academy Office, for the attention of Miss R. Hydes enquiries@stanilandacademy.net
- Letter for the attention of Miss R. Hydes, Staniland Academy, Peck Avenue, Boston, PE21 8DF
- Weduc (Parents of current Staniland Academy Pupils) for the attention of Miss R. Hydes

The closing date for responses is Monday 10 January 2022.

What Happens Next?

On conclusion of the consultation all responses received will be collated and presented to the Voyage Education Partnership Trust Board in February 2022 for full consideration. The Trust (as the admissions authority) will then determine Staniland Academy's final admission arrangements for 2023-2024. The outcome of the consultation will be posted on the Academy's website along with the final Admissions Policy for 2023.