

**Consultation on a proposed reduction of the Published Admission Number (PAN)
for Reception Year for September 2022 at Orchards Church of England Primary School.**

Consultation period: 24 November 2020 to 5 January 2021

Why are we consulting?

The Schools Admissions Code 2014 sets out a requirement for all admission authorities to undertake statutory consultation where they propose a variation to the Published Admission Number of a school. The admission authority is the Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust (DEMAT).

Once the admission arrangements have been determined for a particular year, DEMAT is required to seek approval to this from the Department of Education on proposed variation / reduction of the school's PAN, and must notify all appropriate bodies as set out in the Admissions Code.

The purpose of this consultation is to seek the views of parents, carers and other interested stakeholders on the proposal to reduce the school's PAN for September 2022.

The Proposal

The Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust proposes that the published admission number at Orchards Church of England Primary School be reduced from for September 2022 for Reception Year from 90 to 60.

The proposal to reduce the school's PAN will mean that the number of places available for children in Year 3 in September 2022 and all subsequent cohorts will be 60.

For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change.

This is the only proposed change, the oversubscription criteria will remain the same.

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Background

A large portion of funding received by schools is directly related to the number of pupils attending the school. If there are too many vacancies in our schools this means that we will not receive the maximum revenue possible. Therefore we are proposing to reduce the number of available places to enable the school to operate more efficiently and cost effectively.

The academy has also seen a decline in the number of children from Eastern Europe wanting to access places at the academy following Brexit.

Who are we consulting with?

During this consultation period we want to seek representations from:

Parents;
School staff;
Members of the School's Local Governing Body;
Local Primary Schools;
Local Authority;
The Ely Diocesan Board of Education;

What happens next?

Following the end of the consultation period, DEMAT shall consider the results of the consultation and decide whether to refer the proposed reduction in the admission number for the 2022/23 academic year to the Department for Education (DFE) for their approval.

How to Respond

The consultation will run from 24 November 2020 to 5 January 2021.

All responses must be received by 5 January 2021.

Representations received after this specified time and date will not be considered. You can respond to the consultation by giving your views by e-mail to the Headteacher, Clare Caxton head@orchards.cambs.sch.uk

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