

FOREST ACADEMY - ADMISSIONS STATUTORY CONSULTATION

Consultation opens Wednesday 15th December 2021 at 9am

Consultation closes Wednesday 26th January 2022 at 9am

Purpose

The Inspire Partnership Academy Trust is consulting on the arrangements for admission to Forest Academy in the academic year 2023 – 2024. The consultation is taking place because the trust wishes to change existing arrangements in order that there is consistency for all stakeholders and streamline management processes. We are also proposing reducing the number of children we will admit into reception year from 90 to 60. Arrangements have been re-drafted to provide that consistency and to incorporate statutory requirements of the 2021 admission code. The material changes to the arrangements are detailed below.

- Reducing the PAN from 90 to 60
- Prioritising pupils with acute medical or social care need above siblings
- Making separate provision for children of multiple birth outside the main over-subscription arrangements

Rationale for wishing to reduce the PAN (published admissions number)

We currently undertake to admit up to 90 children into Reception year. Over the last 3 years, fewer than 30 children have joined the school in this year group each year. This is primarily due to a general over-supply of places in the local area, with additional places in schools that have been recently built or substantially renovated or expanded and as such are particularly attractive to parents; there has not however been a corresponding increase in local housing stock. This has been exacerbated by the impact of both Covid 19 and Brexit as well as a shrinking birth rate and the legacy of an inspection outcome during the tenure of a previous trust. Reducing our PAN to 60 will enable us to plan more effectively both in terms of the utilisation of our site and staffing needs and deployment, while still ensuring parents in the local area retain the choice we believe they are entitled to. In the event that in future years there is a change in local demographic and demand for places at the school increases will again review our arrangements with a view to meeting that demand

[**VIEW OUR PROPOSED ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS HERE**](#)

We value the opinions of all those in the community our school and trust serves and welcome all views on the proposed changes we wish to make. Please let us know via the following link

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If you have difficulty in accessing or understanding any aspect of the proposal or giving your feedback online, please do get in touch with us so that we can help. You can reach us by email at anne@governance-connected.co.uk or on 07710 530 383