



Consultation on a proposed reduction in the published admission number for Christ the King Catholic High School and Sixth Form Centre, Stamford Road, Birkdale, Southport, PR8 4EX with effect from September 2022

Background

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for Christ the King Catholic High School and Sixth Form Centre is 185. This means that the number of children admitted into the school at Year 7 each year is limited to 185.

Reducing the PAN to a five form of entry model will assist the Governing Body in their long-term planning while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for the number of pupils living in the school's designated parishes and meeting the demand for places of Catholic children attending the designated feeder primary schools named in the school's admissions policy.

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 185 to 150 with effect from September 2022.

This means that the number of places available for children at Year 7 in 2022 – and all subsequent Year 7 cohorts – will be 150. 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 185.

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

- The capacity and organisation of the school building
- 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

How to Respond

This consultation will run from 7 December 2020 until 29 January 2021 and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to: The Archdiocese of Liverpool, Education Department, Archdiocesan Offices, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, L17 1AA. Please mark all correspondence for the attention of Chris Williams. Comments should also be sent to the Chair of Governing Body at the school address. Alternatively, you may wish to e-mail: aes@rcaol.org.uk.

Please submit any comments no later than 29 January 2021. Following the consultation period the Governing Body will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Admission arrangements for 2022 will be determined by 28 February 2021 and any subsequent objections will need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator by 15 May 2021.