

## Southmere Primary Academy Consultation

### We are consulting on:

- A reduction in the academy's Pupil Admission Number (PAN) from 60 to 45 pupils effective from 1 September 2025.

### Summary

Southmere Primary Academy are looking to consult with all parties to reduce the PAN held by the Local Authority from 60 to 45 pupils. The Schools Admission Code details the timescales for consultation, which would allow for the PAN to be permanently reduced to 45 effective from September 2025.

The academy has seen a reduction in pupil numbers and current year reception is at 37 with a maximum number within a year group of 60 - Years 5 and 6. The reduction in PAN will allow the academy to move to 1.5 form entry allowing structures to be more financially sustainable moving forward. The demographic has changed, and it is unlikely numbers will return to the levels of 60 per year group.

There will therefore be no detrimental effect to parents and pupils in relation to the reduction to PAN. Parents/Guardians will still be able to access their school of choice.

The Local Authority has provided details of the expected demographic for pupil numbers at Southmere Primary Academy and current predictions for pupil numbers in Reception consistently forecast to decline to less than two form. The data shows there has been a reduction in pupils within the catchment and that an admission number of 60 is no longer relevant.

Reception forecast data (based on May '22 Health data)	<b>2024 PAN (currently)</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>
Southmere Primary Academy	60	32	33	29	24	22

## Who will be affected?

We are consulting directly with all those who we think may be directly affected by our proposals.

We are directly asking for the views of:

- parents
- staff
- the local community and
- local authority
- other local schools

## How can I tell you what I think?

The consultation will run from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

If you wish to get in touch and tell us what you think you can do this in the following ways:

- By email to [info@smpa.org.uk](mailto:info@smpa.org.uk)
- By Phone 01274 422040

## What happens next?

Following the end of the consultation period we will provide an update on our website.

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