



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'

STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED REDUCTION IN PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBERS (PAN) FOR OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL FOR THE 2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

Our Lady of Peace proposes to reduce the published admission number of the school from 90 to 60 in Reception with effect from September 2020.

Time frame of Consultation

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| 14 th December 2018 | Consultation starts. |
| 31 st January 2019 | Consultation ends. |
| 28 th February 2019 | Admission authorities must determine admission arrangements for 2020 and publish a copy on their website. |
| 15 th March 2019 | Admission authorities must send a copy of their determined admissions arrangements to the LA. |

Specific Proposal

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery would welcome views on the proposed reduction in the number of places available for children in Reception from 2020. **For children who already have a place at the school, they will not be affected.**

Factors that have been considered are:

- Improving outcomes for pupils;
- Impact on pupil mobility – the impact of learning where new pupils are able to apply for a place at the school throughout the academic year
- Class sizes
- There are spaces in all year groups except Year 1 and Year 6
- The actual number of pupils attending the school in the Reception class is nearer to 60 each year, with in year fluctuations
- The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils including those with additional needs
- Future resource planning and management
- Recruitment of teachers

Background

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for Our Lady of Peace 90. This means the number of children that can be admitted into the school at Year R (Reception) each year is currently 90. We propose that from 2020 this will be reduced to 60 in the Reception class.

Historically, the school has been dealing with high levels of pupil mobility making it very difficult to effectively plan the number of classes and teaching staff every year. Our Lady of Peace is committed to developing its provision to meet the pupils' needs. Reducing the PAN will enable the school to better deploy its resources to improve overall outcomes for pupils and raise standards. Reducing the PAN will also assist the school in its long-term planning to assess and potentially support any changes, while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers to support local demand.

What Happens Next – How to Respond

The consultation will run from 14th December 2018 to 31st January 2019 and you are invited to submit your comments in writing to Jacky Cope (Clerk of Governors). This can be through email or to the address below:

Jacky Cope
Clerk to Our Lady of Peace Governors
Derwent Drive
Slough
Berkshire
SL1 6HW

Email: clerk@olopprimary.co.uk

Following the consultation the school will consider all comments received and agree to a final position on the PAN in its meeting on 11th February 2019 which will determine the admission arrangements for 2020 and beyond.

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Headteacher
Date: 14th December 2018