

Consultation on a proposed reduction in the Published Admission Number (PAN) for South Axholme Academy with effect from September 2019 (in year variation)

Background

The current PAN for South Axholme Academy is 193. This means that the number of students admitted into the academy at Year 7 is limited to 193. Currently normal admissions are, on average, 170 per year group, with admissions from local feeder primary schools taking up 140 places, with the remaining numbers being taken up by children from other areas and local authorities.

Reducing the PAN will assist the Governing Body in providing stability to their long-term planning while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future student numbers living in the surrounding area and attending one of our local primary schools.

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 academy's Local Governing Body, is seeking comments on the proposed change.

Specific proposal

The Governing Body propose to reduce the Published Admission Number of the school from 193 to 180 with effect from September 2019.

This means that the number of places available for children in Year 7 in 2019 – and all subsequent Year 7 cohorts – will be 180. 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 will remain at 193 as they progress through the academy. This is the only proposed change to the admission criteria; all other criteria, including oversubscription, will remain the same.

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

- The continued ability of the academy to provide sufficient places for local children
- The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all students thus facilitating continuing school improvement
- Future resource planning and management, including staffing
- The capacity of the academy buildings and site and resources management will be more effective

South Axholme Academy would be committed to reviewing the Pupil Admissions Number if the local demographic and context dictates a need for this in the future to ensure that all local children who wish to do so can attend South Axholme Academy.

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How to respond:

This consultation will run from 19 November 2018 until 11 January 2019. You are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to the Clerk to the Governors at South Axholme Academy via email to admin@southaxholme-IET.co.uk marked for the attention of J Bostock, or via post to J Bostock c/o South Axholme Academy, Burnham Road, Epworth, a Doncaster, DN9 1BY. Please send any comments to arrive no later than 11 January 2019.

Following the consultation period the Governing Body will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Any subsequent objections (after 11 January 2019) will need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Sprack', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs S Sprack
Principal