



Dear Parents and Members of the Local Community,

## Admissions Consultation Proposal to Raise the Pupil Admission Number (PAN)

Whiston Willis Primary Academy proposes to raise its current Pupil Admission Number (PAN) in reception from 40 to **45** (an increase of 5 students) commencing September 2021.

This proposal would allow for an overall increase of **35** students in total across Years Reception to Year 6. This increase would build to an eventual school capacity of **315** (excluding nursery)

The school currently has 308 on roll in Years Reception - 6 and is already operating on an over-subscribed basis in the majority of year groups. The table below represents the current numbers (November 2019), which demonstrates the high popularity/demand for places and associated in-year admissions and appeals.

WWPA	Current PAN	Actual Numbers on Roll	Difference from PAN (+/-)
Year R	40	46*	+6
Year 1	40	44	+4
Year 2	40	40	0
Year 3	40	41	+1
Year 4	40	36	-4
Year 5	40	41	+1
Year 6	40	36	-4
Totals	<u>280</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>+4</u>

\*interim arrangements in place 2019/20 & 20/21 to support demand

In terms of overall demand for places, over the past few years the school has received an increasing number of preference applications for both places in reception and in year applications. This has resulted in a growing number of pupils and their parents being disappointed not to have been awarded a place.

The School would therefore like to respond to this growing demand for places by increasing its overall capacity and PAN by 5 places per school year. This increase can be managed appropriately by a move to a PAN of 45 over the course of a number of years which will retain the ability to have suitable class sizes and support both pupils and staff.

The current model of 40 is proving to be uneconomical at present to support the effective and efficient use of resources available to the school. An increase to a PAN of 45 allows for much greater efficiencies and economics in terms of staff to pupil ratios.



# WHISTON WILLIS PRIMARY ACADEMY

In summary we submit for consultation to increase our PAN by 5 pupil places commencing with reception in September 2021.

A period of consultation opens on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 and will close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. We intend to hold an information session for stakeholders on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am in the main school Hall. If you wish to send any comments in relation to this consultation please email [trust@wadedeacon.co.uk](mailto:trust@wadedeacon.co.uk), or post to the school marked admissions consultation.

The final decision regarding the recommendation by the Trust for an increase in PAN in line with the "Making significant changes to an open academy" guidance will be made with the Regional School Commissioner. Your comments, whether in support to this proposal or not, will help to inform the way forward.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal

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Chief Operations Officer

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