

26th February 2025

Admission Consultation 2026/27 - Outcome

Dear Parent/Carer,

In November 2024, we wrote to you, in line with DFE guidance, to consult with you on our proposal to change the school admission arrangements for Woodside Green, A SHARE Primary Academy - specifically the pupil admission number (PAN). The proposal related to an amendment to admission arrangements for the 2025/26 Reception intake, commencing on 1st September 2026.

We proposed to reduce the school PAN (pupil admission number) from 50 to 30 pupils, as we believed that this reflected the demand for places in the area more accurately and would enable us to plan our staffing levels more precisely in the longer term.

After the consultation period, which ran from 4th November 2024 until 16th December 2024, Share Multi Academy Trust has considered responses from all stakeholders and from the Local Authority (LA). The LA gave the following feedback:

- There is clear evidence of a fall in demand for Reception places in most areas of Kirklees. The local authority is encouraging schools to consider opportunities to reduce their PAN where this makes sense to help ensure we have a sustainable school system.
- Given the available evidence at this time, the Local Authority supports the proposal to reduce Woodside Green, A SHARE Academy's PAN from 50 to 30 with effect from 2026/27

In light of the above, and in taking into consideration the advice from the LA, Share MAT has taken the decision to change the Woodside Green PAN in the academic year 2026/27 – **the pupil admission number will change from 50 to 30 from September 2026**. We will keep pupil numbers under annual review, taking into account evolving evidence and the outcome of wider discussions with the local school system.

Yours sincerely,

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