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CONSULTATION FOR PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2024/2025

Wroughton Junior Academy recently consulted on an amendment to our admissions policy to adopt the following changes to be in effect from September 2024:

- Reducing the Published Admissions Number (PAN) from 90 to 60

The reason for proposing the above change is as follows:

- Due to a lower birth rate in the catchment area, the PAN for Wroughton Infant Academy was consulted upon in November 2021 and will be reduced from 90 to 60 as of September 2023. We therefore consulted to reduce the PAN at Wroughton Junior Academy, as of September 2024, to bring it in line with that of the Infant Academy. By making sure our intake matches demand in the area we can continue to provide the quality of education that we pride ourselves on.

As prescribed by the School Admissions Code, we undertook a statutory consultation process with the parents and other stakeholders for Wroughton Junior Academy including:

- parents of children between the ages of two and eleven
- other persons in the relevant area who, in the opinion of the admission authority, have an interest in the proposed admissions
- all other admission authorities within the relevant area
- whichever of the governing body and the local authority who are not the admission authority and
- any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority.

The consultation took place for 6 term-time weeks between Tuesday 6th December 2022 and Tuesday 31st January 2023.

Stakeholders were invited to take part in the consultation in the following ways:

Online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VHCBRXY>

By email to: consultation@wroughtonacademies.org.uk

By post to: Mrs J Snelling, Headteacher, Wroughton Academies, Beccles Road, Gorleston, Norfolk, NR31 8AH.

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The proposed Admission Policy for Wroughton Junior Academy was accessible via the school's website: www.wroughtonacademies.org.uk

Consultation Feedback and the School's responses

The feedback received was as follows:

1. Only one response was submitted, and this was via the online survey.
2. The response was from a 'parent or carer of a child considering joining Wroughton Academies', and was in favour of the PAN reduction.
3. To confirm, the consultation details were also sent to representatives of Norfolk County Council, i.e. Executive Director Children Services; Admissions Manager; and Admissions Team Leader.

Recommendation

Our recommendation to the Board is as follows:

1. Approve the PAN reduction from 90 to 60.

If approval is granted, we will update the school's website with the decision (and this report), upload the final policy and update the Local Authority Admissions Team.

A decision is required from the Board by 28 February 2023, to allow the arrangements to be published by 15 March 2023.