

Consultation Letter to Parents & Carers – December 2021

Consultation on a proposed reduction in the Published Admission Number (PAN) for The John Roan School, with effect from September 2023.

Background

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for The John Roan School is 210. This means that the number of children admitted into the school each year is a maximum of 210.

The school is in an area of surplus places, meaning that it is highly unlikely that the PAN will be achieved. In order to support effective planning, such that a high quality of educational provision can be maintained, the Trustees of United Learning Trust are therefore proposing to reduce the PAN from 210 to 180 places.

Specific proposal

The John Roan School proposes to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) of the school from 210 to 180, with effect from September 2023.

This means that the maximum number of pupils intended to be admitted in Year 7 in 2023 and all subsequent cohorts, will be 180. For children who already have a place at the academy in other year groups there will be no change, but the admission number for all other year groups will reduce to 180 from September 2023 onwards.

Due to reduced pupil place projections in the borough, combined with another school opening nearby in 2023, the school believes that reducing the PAN provides greater stability for planning and long-term viability. The reduction would imply fewer in-year admissions, thus greater continuity for the class groups, resourcing and curriculum planning.

United Learning believes that reducing the PAN is in the best interest of the pupils. It will provide stability in the future structure of the school, enabling school leaders and governors to provide long term educational benefits – in the form of a robust and settled curriculum model and timetabling– while supporting effective financial management.

This is the substantive proposed change to the admission criteria, all other criteria, including oversubscription, will remain the same. The Admissions Policy has been updated to formalise existing processes around wait-listing and to ensure better alignment with standard templates as advised by the Admissions Code, as used by United Learning.

Who is consulted?

This consultation is for the attention of:

- a) parents of children between the ages of 11-16 years old in the surrounding area;
- b) other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed arrangements;
- c) all other admission authorities within the local area;
- d) the local authority; and
- e) adjoining neighbouring local authorities.

How to respond

This consultation will run from **Thursday 2nd December 2021 until Thursday 13th January 2022** and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to

info@thejohnroanschool.org.uk (Please mark the subject “The John Roan School PAN Consultation”) or by completing this form [here](#).

Following the consultation period the School and the Trust will consider all comments received and determine admission arrangements for 2023 by 28 February 2022.

If a decision to reduce the PAN at The John Roan School is agreed and approved, the community will be notified and arrangements would be introduced from September 2023 entry onwards.