

01 October 2021

Consultation on changing our Published Admission Number (PAN) for September 2023

Notice is hereby given in accordance with legislation, including the Schools Admissions Code (Department for Education, 2021), that Heronsgate School has begun the formal process to reduce the number of places from September 2023 and wishes to consult with you on this proposal.

Proposed change

The school proposes to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) from the current 90 pupils per year group to 60 pupils per year group.

The proposal to reduce the school's PAN will mean that the number of places available for children in Year 3 in September 2023 will be 60. For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change.

Our projections show that there will be sufficient places available for local children if the PAN for this school is reduced. Should the demand for additional school places increase in the future, the school will consider raising the PAN again.

Reasons for the proposed change

Heronsgate School has identified a four-year trend of decreasing demand for pupil places. The opening of Kents Hill Park School, with which we share some of our catchment has also impacted upon the demand for places at Heronsgate.

A large portion of funding received by schools is directly related to the number of pupils attending the school. If there are too many vacancies in our school this means that we will not receive the maximum revenue possible. Therefore we are proposing to reduce the number of available places to enable the school to operate more efficiently, cost effectively and safeguard the school's financial future.

Who are we consulting with?

- Parents and carers of children already attending the school;
- Parents of any other children aged from birth upwards;
- School staff;
- Local primary schools;
- Anyone else with interest or who might be affected by the proposed change.

What happens next?

Following the consultation, governors will meet to consider views and make a decision on whether or not to proceed with the proposal.

How to respond

The consultation will run from Friday 1st October until Monday 31st January 2022

All responses must be received by 3pm on Friday 28th January 2022.

Responses received after this specified time and date will not be considered.

You can respond to the consultation by emailing the school at heronsgate@mket.org.uk or in writing to the school's address (Heronsgate School, Lichfield Down, Walnut Tree MK7 7BW)