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Admission Arrangements Normal Age of Entry: Academic Year 2026/2027

In accordance with the School Admission Regulations Heathfields Infant Academy wishes to hear your views on its proposed changes to admission arrangements for September 2026.

Your opinions are important to us, and we are keen to receive your comments on our admission arrangements before they are formally approved.

The consultation will close at 5pm on 30th January 2025. Heathfields Infant Academy propose that pupil admission number (PAN) be reduced from 90 to 60 from September 2026. This means that the number of places available for children in Reception in September 2026 and all subsequent Reception cohorts will be 60. For children who already have a place in the school the year groups will not change.

This is the only proposed change to the admission criteria; all other criteria will remain the same.

Rationale

- The following factors have been considered by the school and Fierte Academy Trust when deciding to consult on this proposal:
- There is a decreasing birth rate in the local catchment area.
- Reducing the PAN will ensure the maximum possible revenue will be received for each cohort and our resources are used more effectively across the school.
- The total number of pupils from Reception to Year 2 recorded in the October 2024 census was 215 which is below the current capacity of 270.
- Funding is largely related to the number of pupils on roll and vacancies in classes result in a negative impact on the school budget. With a PAN of 60, all spaces in a class will be filled and the school can operate more efficiently and cost effectively, giving every single pupil the best possible education.
- New building in the local area is not predicted to increase pupil numbers in our local community catchment area.
- Reducing the PAN will assist the school in providing stability in long term planning and allow high quality educational outcomes for pupils.



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In accordance with the school admissions regulations, the school is consulting with key stakeholders including:

- Parents/carers of pupils and prospective parents.
- Other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed arrangements
- The local authority
- Other local schools

A full copy of the proposed admission arrangements are available on the school website. Any comments should be sent to: office@heathfields.fierte.org before 5pm 30th January

Kind regards

Mrs K Williams
Executive Leader