

## **Formal Consultation (17/12/24-27/1/25)**

### **Proposal to reduce pupil admission numbers (PAN) in 2026**

#### **at Matchborough First School Academy**

##### **What is the current position?**

The school has a pupil admission number (PAN) of 90. This means that the maximum number of pupils admitted into the school in Reception each year is 90. Currently normal admissions are well below 90 pupils each year. Projected numbers moving forward do not suggest this trend will rise. (Based on the information supplied by Worcestershire County Council).

##### **What is the proposal for this formal consultation?**

The Trustees propose that the published admission number at the school is reduced from 90 to **60** for the September 2026 Reception cohort, and for all Reception intakes after this point. The proposal to reduce the school's PAN will mean that the number of places available for children in Reception in September 2026 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 the school is reduced.

##### **What are the benefits?**

A significant proportion of funding received by the school is directly related to the number of pupils attending the school. The staffing structure for the school is based on 90 pupils in each year group. Where pupil places are not filled to maximum (which is currently the case), the school does not receive the level of funding to match the staffing structure, and so the budget is under pressure. By reducing the number of available places to 60 and consequently reducing the staffing requirements, the school will be financially sustainable because the funding received is sufficient to cover the costs.

##### **Who has been asked to contribute to the consultation?**

- Current and prospective parents and carers of Matchborough First School Academy
- Staff at Matchborough First School Academy
- Other Stakeholders and Interested Parties

##### **How do you contribute to the consultation?**

If you have any comments you wish to make in respect of the proposal, please send them to the school office, marked Consultation, or complete the form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/K0RRNdwgAV>