

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION & PROPOSED NUMBERS

Information Sheet

Background:	The purpose of this information is to provide details of the email shared with all schools on Monday, 9 December 2024 advising of the Local Authority's (LA) intention to consult with all schools and academies on the LA's proposed Admission Arrangements for the 2026/2027 school year. The LA is also consulting all schools and academies on their Admission Number for 2026/2027. To do this we have rolled forward the PANs for 2025/2026.
Key Points to Note:	• The consultation started on Monday 9 December 2024 and will end on Friday 31 January 2025. • Whilst the LA is not proposing any changes to its School Admissions Policy for 2026/2027, we are proposing changes to its Primary and Secondary Co-ordination Schemes which will mean that from September 2026 the Local Authority will be processing all late applications after the 2nd closing date (20 November 2025/14 February 2026) altogether as a batch after the National Offer Day. All remaining applications will then be processed individually based in strict date order. • Applications received between 3 March 2026 and 31 August 2026 inclusive will be treated as casual admissions and will be dealt with in date order of receipt. • A copy of the Secondary, Primary and In-Year Co-ordination Schemes and proposed admission numbers are also available to view on the Council's website at the following link from Monday 9 December 2024: School admission arrangements consultation 2026/2027 - Wakefield Council • If an Academy is proposing to adopt their own Admissions Policy for the first time for 2026/2027 you must consult for a minimum of 6 weeks to end no later than 31 January 2025 (excluding the school holidays). • Schools are asked to check the proposed admission number and advise the Admissions team as soon as possible of any proposed changes to your PAN for 2026/2027 or if you have any comments on any proposed reduction. Unless they hear from you by the 31 January 2025 the LA will consider that your Governing Body has not proposed any changes to your

	admission number and are in agreement with the proposed admission number.
Actions Required:	• To respond to the LA's school admissions consultation no later than Friday, 31 January 2025. • <u>Academies and Trust schools</u> are asked to consider whether they wish to adopt the LA's Admissions Policy – if you <u>do wish to adopt the LA Policy</u> then you <u>must</u> ask the <u>Governing Body</u> to agree this at a <u>fully constituted GB meeting held before 28 February 2025</u>. You <u>must</u> ensure the decision is recorded in the GB minutes. • Governors to check the proposed admission number on the attached document and let the Admissions team know as soon as possible of any proposed changes to your PAN for 2026/2027 or if you have any comments on any proposed reduction by <u>the 31 January 2025</u>
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