



25th November 2021

Dear Stakeholder,

Consultation on a proposed reduction in the Published Admission Number for Hillside High School, with effect from September 2023

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for Hillside High School is 194. This means that the number of pupils admitted into the school at year 7 is limited to 194. In 2021 year 7 admissions were 115.
- 1.2 Reducing the PAN will assist the Wade Deacon Trust and Hillside High Local Governing Body in providing stability to their long-term planning while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers living in the surrounding area and attending one of the local primary schools.
- 1.3 The Regulations and Code of Practice relating to school admissions no longer require an admissions authority to consult when maintaining or increasing a school's PAN, however there remains a requirement to consult when the proposal is to reduce a PAN. Hillside High School is part of the Wade Deacon Trust and the school's Local Governing Body, as the admissions authority, is seeking comments on the proposed change.
- 1.4 In October 2021, the Local Authority will publish the admissions consultation document for the 2023 admissions round, for all Local Authority schools and the majority of Academy Schools including Hillside High School.
- 1.5 We form part of the Sefton Local Authority coordinated admissions process and this document is to supplement the Sefton published document which will collate responses.

## **2. Specific Proposal**

- 2.1 The Governing Body propose to reduce the Published Admission Number of the school from 194 to 145 with effect from September 2023.
- 2.2 This means that the number of places available for children in Year 7 in 2023 – and all subsequent Year 7 cohorts – will be 145. For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change. The admission number for all other year groups remain at 194 as they progress through the academy. This is the only proposed change to the admission criteria; all other criteria, including oversubscription, will remain the same.
- 2.3 Factors that have been considered by the Trust Governance structure in deciding to consult on this proposal include:
  - The continued ability of the school to provide sufficient places for local children
  - The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils thus facilitating continuing school improvement
  - Future resource planning and management
  - The capacity of the school buildings and site and resources management will be more effective
- 2.4 Hillside High School would be committed to reviewing the Pupil Admissions Numbers if the local demographic and context dictates a need for this in the future.

### **3. Who is being consulted?**

3.1 This consultation will be form part of the coordinated Sefton scheme and include:

- Parents of children between the ages of two and sixteen
- Other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed admissions change
- All other admission authorities within the local area
- The local authority
- Adjoining neighbouring local authorities
- The Regional Schools Commissioner & Education and Skills Funding Agency

### **4. How to respond**

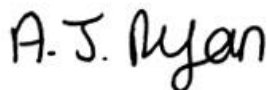
4.1 This consultation period will run from 25th November 2021 until 14th January 2022. You are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above, which must be through the Sefton admissions consultation link below:

[www.sefton.gov.uk/schooladmissionspolicyandreports](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/schooladmissionspolicyandreports)

Any general enquiries about the proposal can be submitted to Hillside High School, Breeze Hill, Bootle, L20 9NU

4.2 Following the consultation period the Governing Body will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Admissions arrangements for September 2023 will be determined by 28th February 2022 and any subsequent objections will need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator by 15th May 2022.

Yours faithfully



Amanda Ryan  
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