



Westlands Primary School

A member of Swale Academies Trust



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STP/ELB/Admissions Consultation

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Westlands Primary School Consultation

To Parents/Carers, Staff and other interested parties

Proposed changes to Westlands Primary School

To decrease the published admission number (PAN) from 90 to 60

The Swale Academies Trust and the Governors of Westlands Primary School would like to consult you with the proposal to reduce the PAN from 90 to 60 from September 2019.

Westlands Primary School expanded from 2 form entry (a PAN of 60) to 3 form entry (a PAN of 90) at the request of the Local Authority in September 2013. This was at a time when the pupil population in Swale had increased significantly because of the rise in the birth rate and the level of inward migration.

The primary pupil population has declined over the past two years and Kent County Council's Commissioning Plan for Education Provision in Kent 2018-2022 predicts a continuing reduction in Reception Year numbers during the Plan period, although pressure remains in certain year groups and areas of Sittingbourne.

The decline in Reception Year numbers has impacted on the school. For September 2018 entry, the school is expecting only 66 pupils to enrol. This makes class organisation very difficult and causes problems with curriculum delivery because of the financial impact of low numbers. Decreasing the admission number to 60 will help to secure the future viability of the school.

Several housing developments are planned for Sittingbourne and if the demand for pupil places increases because of the new housing, the school would agree to increase the PAN to 90 again.

What happens next?

Following the consultation, all comments and views received will be considered before the Academy Trust and Governing Body make a final decision. If they decide to proceed, a business case will be submitted to the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for approval by the Secretary of State.

We would like your views on the proposals to decrease the Admission number to 60 from September 2019

You can have your say by:

- Emailing us at officeprimary@westlands.kent.sch.uk
- Completing the attached response form and sending it to the Chair of Governors at Westlands Primary School (you can hand the completed form into the school office).

The closing date for sending in a response is Friday 24th August 2018.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Hopkins', written in a cursive style.

Mrs L Hopkins
Executive Headteacher

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Do you agree with the proposal to decrease the PAN at Westlands Primary School form 90 - 60

Yes

No

Undecided

Which of the following best describes you?

Please indicate as appropriate ✓

- **Parent/Carer of a child attending Westlands Primary School**
- **Parent/Carer of a Pre-School aged child**
- **Member of Staff at Westlands Primary School**
- **A Governor at Westlands Primary School**
- **Another Local Primary School or Admissions Authority**
- **A Pre-School Playgroup or Nursery**
- **Other**

If 'Other', please state interest: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Comments:

Please continue overleaf if necessary