

Consultation to reduce The Dukeries Academy's Published Admission Number from September 2025

Introduction

Academy Transformation Trust is consulting on a reduction in the published admission number (PAN) at The Dukeries Academy from 180 to 168 effective from 1st September 2025.

The current PAN for The Dukeries Academy of 180 divides into six sets of thirty in each. The change to a PAN of 168 will divide into four sets of thirty and two slightly smaller lower ability sets of twenty-four, better serving the higher number of children with SEND now being admitted into the school. While the roll at The Dukeries is growing lower down the school, the change to a PAN of 168 would accommodate even the largest of the current year groups, and would accommodate all local children going forward.

The proposed change will enhance the ability of the academy's senior leadership, our Trust Board and our Education Directorate to carry out impactful school improvement and continue the academy's journey to an outstanding Ofsted rating by negating the need for larger classes, especially in the lower sets. The change will assist the Trust Board in supporting resource management and planning to ensure both the academy and its learning environment remain both viable and suitable for the delivery of a high standard of education.

No pupil who already has a place at the academy will be affected by this proposal.

According to Local Authority data, a reduction of PAN at The Dukeries to 168 would not cause a problem with sufficiency of places locally.

Specific Proposal

The Academy Transformation Trust's Board and The Dukeries Academy are proposing to reduce the published admission number from 180 to 168 effective from September 1st, 2025. This means the number of places available for pupils in Year 7 will be 168 in 2025 and will remain at 168 for all subsequent Year 7 cohorts going forward.

Academy Transformation Trust's Board and The Dukeries Academy have considered a number of key factors in deciding to hold a consultation in regard to the proposal:

- The ability of the academy to support pupil place planning and proved sufficient places for local pupils.
- The ability of the learning environment to support the highest standard of school improvement and delivery of education.
- Management and resource planning and its sufficiency in supporting the required pupil cohorts.
- Capacity within the academy will increase, providing a more effective education to the pupils on roll.

Academy Transformation Trust is committed to supporting pupil place planning within each local authority where we operate and would consider reviewing the planned admission number in future should the need in area require this support.

Consultation period

The consultation period is running for six working weeks from Friday 24th November 2023, until Friday 19th January 2024.



Sir Nick Weller

CEO, Academy Transformation Trust

Who is being consulted

The consultation of this proposal is for the attention of the following:

- Local parents with children at the school or under school age
- Residents/people in the area with an interest in the proposal
- All other relevant admission authorities within the local area
- The local authority
- Neighbouring local authorities.

How to respond

Academy transformation Trust and The The Dukeries Academy welcome your views on this proposal, and you can engage in the following ways:

Email: consultations@attrust.org.uk with the subject header **The Dukeries PAN**

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