



Knights Templar Community Church School & Nursery



*“Be the best you can be with a zest for living, a thirst for learning
and a spirit of kindness.”*

As part of the governor’s role Admissions for the year 2026-2027 were on the Agenda for our October meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that we should go out to consultation regarding reducing our Planned Admission Number from 48 to 42. The reasons for this are as follows:

- Falling birth rate in the area
- Lower number of children on roll
- Lack of suitable affordable homes for families in the area.
- High retirement area
- Lack of employment for adults
- Number of SEND or children with an EHCP that require additional space to support their learning in the school

Extract from the Minutes of the Full Governors Meeting held on the 22 October 2024

Admissions Arrangements 2026/2027

The admissions arrangements for 2025/2026 had been circulated with the agenda this shows a Planned Admission Number (PAN) for the year of 48. Due to the drop in birth rate and the uncertainty of families moving into the area it is proposed that this figure is reduced to 42.

A governor asked how reducing the PAN will affect staffing levels. Laura advised that there are currently 179 children on role which equates to 6 classes but we actually have 7 classes. Therefore, would need to be mindful of staffing levels at budget setting next year. A governor asked why we have to publish admission levels. As a church school we have to publish admission levels for the school.

Discussions are still being held regarding the future of first schools/middle schools and primary schools in the area so this could impact on the school.

Currently governors that are consulted on in year admissions are Linda Bulpin, and Jenny Thomas and it was agreed that Gemma Parsons will now form part of the consultation panel.

All governors present agreed in principle to the PAN being reduced to 42 and this document will now go out for consultation.

I hope this explains our reasons for wanting to reduce the PAN but if you require any further information please contact me.

Thank you

Linda Bulpin
Chair of Governors
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