

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

Introduction

Academy Transformation Trust is consulting on a reduction in the published admission number (PAN) at Ravens Academy from 60 to 30 effective from 1st September 2025.

The current PAN for Ravens Academy of 60 was agreed when it met demand for places at that time. Owing to falling birth rates, the current published admission number of 60 is much higher than the estimated pupil numbers and the Local Authority pupil place plan for 2025 and going forward.

The proposed change will enhance the ability of our Trust Board and Education Directorate to carry out impactful school improvement and continue the academy's journey to a good or better Ofsted rating. 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 the Local Authority, a reduction of PAN at Ravens to 30 would not cause a problem with sufficiency of places locally. This is based on a rolling decline in birth rates over more than five years. Ravens is already running some mixed classes, and lower down the school Ravens is in essence a one-form entry school. Lastly, our proposal will benefit not only Ravens, but other schools locally who will also find it increasingly difficult to fill their own PANs as falling birth rates feed through to Reception cohorts.

Specific Proposal

The Academy Transformation Trust's Board and Ravens Academy are proposing to reduce the published admission number from 60 to 30 effective from September 1st, 2025. This means the number of places available for pupils in Reception will be 30 in 2025 and will remain at 30 for all subsequent Reception cohorts going forward.

Academy Transformation Trust's Board and Ravens 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 provide 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 in which we operate and would consider reviewing the published 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
Chief Executive Officer

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 Ravens Academy welcome your views on this proposal, and you can engage in the following ways:

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

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