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## Admission Consultation 2026/27 - Outcome

Dear Parent/Carer,

In December last year, we wrote to you, in line with DFE guidance, to consult with you on our proposal to change the school admission arrangements for Heaton Avenue, a SHARE Primary Academy - specifically the pupil admission number (PAN). The proposal related to an amendment to admission arrangements for the 2026/27 Reception intake, commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026.

We proposed to reduce the school PAN (pupil admission number) from 60 to 45 pupils, as we believed that this reflected the demand for places in the area more accurately and would enable us to plan our staffing levels more precisely in the longer term.

After the consultation period, which ran from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 until Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025, Share Multi Academy Trust has considered responses from all stakeholders and from the Local Authority (LA). The LA gave the following feedback:

- There is clear evidence of a fall in demand for Reception places in most areas of Kirklees. The local authority is encouraging schools to consider opportunities to reduce their PAN where this makes sense to help ensure we have a sustainable school system.
- The available evidence from 2026/27 indicates the planning area population is expected to fall to its lowest level for well over a decade.

In light of the above, and in taking into consideration the advice from the LA, Share MAT has taken the decision to change the Heaton Avenue PAN in the academic year 2026/27 – **the pupil admission number will change from 60 to 45 from September 2026**. We will keep pupil numbers under annual review, taking into account evolving evidence and the outcome of wider discussions with the local school system.

Yours sincerely,



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