

CONSULTATION ON PAN

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL, TADCASTER

29th November 2021

Consultation on a proposed reduction in the published admission number (PAN) for Riverside School, Tadcaster, the STAR Multi-Academy Trust, with effect from September 2023

Length of Consultation: 6 weeks, ending on 17th January 2022

Preface:

Admission authorities must have determined their admissions arrangements for entry in September 2023 by 28 February 2022. They must publish them on their website and have sent a copy to their local authority before 15 March 2022.

As an academy, we are our own admissions authority and as such must ensure that:

1. consultation lasts for a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1 October 2021 and 31 January 2022
2. we consult with:
 - parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen;
 - other persons in the relevant area who may have an interest in the proposed admissions;
 - all other admission authorities within the relevant area;
 - the local authority
3. for the duration of the consultation period, a copy of our full proposed admission arrangements (including the proposed PAN) is published on our website together with details of the person within the admission authority to whom comments may be sent and the areas on which comments are not sought.
4. send upon request a copy of the proposed admission arrangements to any of the persons or bodies listed above inviting comment.

Proposal:

To decrease the published admission number from 60 students to 45 students.

Although the Regulations and Code of Practice relating to school admissions no longer require an admissions authority to consult when maintaining or increasing a school's PAN, there remains a requirement to consult when the proposal is to reduce a PAN. The STAR Multi-Academy Trust, as the admissions authority, is seeking comments on this proposed change.

Background:

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for Riverside School, Tadcaster is 60. This means that the number of children admitted into the school at Reception each year is limited to 60. However the actual average current year group total is 50, the smallest year 36, the largest year 56.

Whilst many schools see some fluctuation to pupil numbers over time, it is evident both through the declining trend in actual numbers taking up places at local schools and through North Yorkshire forecast data, that the demand for pupil places will not be maintained at its previous level. This is, in a large part, due to a lack of available housing within the normal catchment of the school. We believe that reducing the PAN will ensure that the school is allowed to refocus its funding and educational

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delivery onto the reduced roll as opposed to maintaining the current position which could cause detrimental impact to resource, estate and student outcomes.

Specifics of the Proposal:

Riverside School, Tadcaster, The STAR Multi-Academy Trust, proposes to reduce the published admission number of the academy from 60 to 45 with effect from September 2023.

This means that the number of places available for children in Reception in 2023 – and all subsequent Reception cohorts – will be 45. For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change; the admission number for all other years remains at their previous published admission number.

The wider issues with housing in the Tadcaster area which are impacting on school roll is the sole factor in deciding to consult on this proposal.

Comments are sought only in relation to the proposed change of published admission number and not any other aspect of the admissions arrangements.

Riverside School, Tadcaster, The STAR Multi-Academy Trust follows the North Yorkshire County Council Local Authority Agreed School Admissions Arrangements and will continue to do so. The latest copy of this document is available on the Trust website via www.starmat.uk We will follow any dates published by the local authority for 2023-24.

How to Respond:

This consultation will run from 29th November 2021 to 17th January 2022 and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to: **Ian Yapp, Chief Education Officer, the STAR Multi-Academy Trust, c/o Riverside School, Wetherby Road, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire, LS24 9JN**

Please send any comments by 5pm on 17th January 2022

Following the consultation period the Academy Trust Board will consider any comments received and how to proceed.

Admission arrangements for 2023/24 will be determined by 28 February 2022 and any subsequent objections would need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator.