

Proposed Reductions in Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN's)

Holy Trinity CE VC Primary School – Weymouth

Current PAN – 90

Proposed PAN – 60

The school has for the last few years been subjected to varying numbers at the point of entry at reception, with only 63 admissions in September 2018 and 78 for September 2019. This is in addition to only 75 students entering the school in 2017.

A school is required to ensure that they are able to accommodate the number of children as per their PAN, in groups no larger than 30 students for the duration of their first year. This puts a significant strain on school budgets when numbers are low but in this case the school is required to employ three teachers in the reception classes.

It has been decided to lower the PAN to 60, which will allow the school to organise in a more structurally viable way over the next few years.

The Local Authority is satisfied that all children will still be able to access a local school place in the various areas of Weymouth. The capacity to increase the PAN will remain with the Local Authority.

Manor Park CE VC First School

Current PAN – 90

Proposed PAN – 60

The school has for the last few years been subjected to varying numbers at reception, with only 68 admissions in September 2018 and 69 for September 2019. This is in addition to only 79 students entering the school in 2017. There has been a drop in the percentage of local children who are accessing a local school place, down from 105% to 92%.

A school is required to ensure that they are able to accommodate the number of children as per their PAN, in groups no larger than 30 students for the duration of their first year. This puts a significant strain on school budgets if all 90 places are not filled while still having to employ three teachers across the reception cohort.

It has been decided to lower the PAN to 60, which will allow the school to organise in a more structurally viable way. Achieving this viability will reflect directly on the ability of the school to address the quality of education that a school across the school.

The Local Authority is satisfied that all children will still be able to access a local accessible school place in the various areas of Dorchester. The capacity to increase the PAN will remain with the Local Authority.

Charminster St Mary's CE VC First School

Current PAN – 42

Proposed PAN – 30

The school has for the last few years been subjected to varying numbers at reception, with only 34 admissions in September 2018 and 35 for September 2019. This is in addition to only 35 students entering the school in 2017. There has been a drop in the percentage of local children who are accessing a local school place, down from 105% to 92% in the Dorchester area.

A school is required to ensure that they are able to accommodate the number of children as per their PAN, in groups no larger than 30 students for the duration of their first year. This puts a significant strain on school budgets if all 42 places are not filled and the school is unable to make up viable mixed aged classes across all year groups.

It has been decided to lower the PAN to 30, which will allow the school to organise in a more structurally viable way over 5 single age teaching groups. Being able to achieve this financial viability will directly support the programme of improvement in the quality of education at the school.

The Local Authority projections show that demand for places from within catchment could be below 30 for the next 10 years.