

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Will siblings still have priority?**

Yes. Sibling priority remains unchanged under our oversubscription criteria. Children with brothers or sisters already attending the school will continue to be considered under Priority 3 (catchment + sibling) or Priority 5 (sibling only).

2. **Why reduce PAN when new housing is being built?**

We have reviewed local birth rate trends and projections. While housing developments may increase demand, the current overall trend shows a decline in birth rates nationally and locally. We will review PAN annually to ensure it reflects actual demand. A PAN can be raised again to reflect birth rates.

3. **How will this impact nursery admissions?**

Nursery admissions remain separate and are led by the school. Children in Dorridge Nursery are considered under Priority 6.

4. **Why reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) now?**

The proposal reflects a national decline in birth rates and aims to ensure financial sustainability and maintain high-quality provision. This can be revisited annually to reflect demand. If the school remain at a PAN of 90, but only received 70 applications, it would not be financially viable.

5. **What happens if more than 60 applications are received?**

If demand is high, the school retains flexibility to admit above PAN. The PAN sets the standard intake, but it does not prevent us from exceeding it, if financially viable.

6. **Does this affect children already attending the school?**

No. Current pupils are unaffected by this change.