



Alsager Highfields Primary School

Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

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Dear Consultee,

PROPOSED CHANGE TO PAN OF ALSAGER HIGHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

As the admissions authority, The Cornovii Trust is consulting on the proposed reduction of the Published Admission Number (PAN) at Alsager Highfields Primary School from 45 to 30, from September 2025. This would mean that the maximum number of children who are admitted from September 2025 in reception would be 30, with a maximum of 30 in year groups 1 and 2 and a maximum of 32 in years 3 to 6.

Over the last six years, Alsager Highfields has been significantly under PAN in reception, with the past two years admitting only 24 and 22 pupils. An analysis of the home catchment area shows that less than 15% of pupils across the school travel in from neighbouring Counties. This shows that the school cannot sustain a PAN of 45 and that reducing the PAN to 30 would not have a negative impact on residents in the locality when trying to secure a school place.

A reduction in the PAN to 30 would allow the school to maintain its current staffing and also to deliver the curriculum in single year groups. This has many advantages when delivering the curriculum over mixed-year groups as it ensures that every child experiences the same broad and sequenced curriculum in all areas.

A consultation document providing full details of the proposal, including the decision-making process and key dates, is published on the school's website. Please send all feedback to Rachel Woollam at feedback@alsagerhighfields.cheshire.sch.uk. All feedback will be collated for consideration at a meeting of the Governing Body whereupon a decision can be taken on whether to proceed with the proposed change.

As a key stakeholder in this process, we would really welcome your views on this proposal in order that a fully informed decision can be taken at the next stage.

All feedback received during the consultation period, which starts on **the 6th November 2023** and finishes on **20th December 2023**, will be considered before a decision is made on the proposal. **It is important to note that no decision has been taken at this stage.**

We therefore urge you to visit our website at www.alsagerhighfields.cheshire.sch.uk (in the section entitled 'PAN Consultation'), where you can read the consultation document and provide any feedback before the closing date of 20th December 2023.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Rachel Woollam via the dedicated email address; feedback@alsagerhighfields.cheshire.sch.uk.

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours faithfully

Alan Stancliffe

Chair of Governors