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Knowles Primary School

A Lakes Academies Trust sponsored Primary Academy

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Lakes Academies Trust would like to propose reducing the Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN) of Knowles Primary School with effect from 1 September 2019.

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.

Lakes Academies Trust as the admissions authority is seeking comments on the proposed change.

Proposal

Lakes Academies Trust proposes to reduce the published admission number of Knowles Primary School from 90 to 60 with effect from 1 September 2019.

We do not propose to make any other changes to our admissions policy.

Factors have been considered by Lakes Academies Trust in deciding to consult on this proposal are:

- A recent risk assessment has detailed what was known as the 'Evergreens' building as presenting health & safety risk due to the windows being 'painted shut' at some point in the past. This means fire doors and external doors have to be propped open during warm weather for adequate ventilation.
- Should a fire break out in two vulnerable areas of the building, up to 4 classes would be unable to be evacuated.
- As a result of the closure of the 'Evergreens' building 6 classrooms have been closed down and the school cannot accommodate a PAN of 90.
- There are insufficient toilet facilities for a school with a PAN of 90.
- The Foundation Stage intake for September 2017 was 41, this falls far below the current PAN of 90.
- The school is committed to reviewing the PAN if the situation were to change in the future.

How to Respond

This consultation will run from 1st October 2017 to 30th November 2017 and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to the Chair of Trustees Mr Elliot Sharp on email below

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Following the consultation period Lakes Academies Trust will consider any comments received and how to proceed.