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PUBLIC CONSULTATION

**On the Admission Process, in particular, the
reduction of the school pupil admission number (PAN)
to**

**Stobhillgate First School,
(part of the Three Rivers Learning Trust)
for the academic year 2023-24**

**All views or comments to be received no later than
4.00 pm on Tuesday 30th November 2021**

By email to fiona.ewart@the3rivers.net

Written comments to
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Background and Rationale

Stobhillgate First School currently has a pupil admission number (PAN) set at 37. The pupil admission number applies to those children who enter the school in Reception. This number has impacted the school significantly both organisationally and financially, as legally a Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception) and Keystage One (Years 1 and 2) class can only have 30 children for every teacher. Stobhillgate First School normally has classes under 30 children, resulting in the creation of a staffing structure appropriate for a one form entry first school. We, therefore, intend to reduce the PAN to 30, enabling the sustainable management of staffing and school finances.

Therefore, the change to the admission policy is that we intend to reduce our PAN from 37 to 30.



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Consultation Process

Admission Authorities have a duty to consult on their admission arrangements in advance of the year of intake. Admission arrangements are set according to the School Admissions Code which applies to all maintained schools, which includes Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools and 'own admission authority schools.

Admission Authorities must ensure that their determined admission arrangements comply with the mandatory provisions of the Code. In order to promote fair access to educational opportunities, admission arrangements are subject to scrutiny by the Schools Adjudicator who has the power to impose arrangements on those authorities that do not meet the requirements of the Code.

The Board of Trustees of The Three Rivers Learning Trust has taken the decision to consult for a 6 working week period, closing the consultation on **Tuesday 14th December 2021**.

Therefore, consultation on the proposed policy will begin on **Tuesday 2nd November 2021** and will end on **Tuesday 14th December**. The following groups are being consulted;

- Parents
- Northumberland County Council via the Northumberland School Admissions Forum
- Other schools within the local Morpeth partnership

All consultation documents are displayed on the school website.

Northumberland County Council also operates a coordinated scheme with Voluntary Aided Schools, Trust Schools and Academies by acting as a clearinghouse for school admissions. The Three Rivers Learning Trust will remain part of these coordinated arrangements. Copies of documents relating to Voluntary Aided schools, Trusts, Academies and other foundation schools will be published on the County Council website www.northumberland.gov.uk

Please find our current admissions policy [here](#)



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CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

Stobhillgate First School:

Admission Policy (consultation) for Stobhillgate First School for 2023-24

Name (Optional).....

Consultation Group (LA/School).....

The significant change to the policy is the reduction of the PAN to 30.

I agree/disagree with the proposed admission policy

Comments:

Do you have any alternative suggestions or ideas?



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Completed forms can be returned to Fiona Ewart The King Edward VI School
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Admission arrangements for Northumberland County Council schools and for schools
that are their own admission authorities are available on the Northumberland County
Council website www.northumberland.gov.uk