

Notification of Proposed Variation to St Saviour's C of E Junior School Published Admission Number



Dear Colleagues

27 June 2024

Notification of Proposed change to St Saviour's CofE Junior School to decrease the published admission number (PAN) from 96 to 64

Kent County Council (KCC) and the Governing Body of St Saviour's CofE Junior School would like to notify you of a proposal to reduce the PAN from 96 to 64 from September 2025.

The birth rate in Thanet has fallen steadily since 2017 and continues to decrease. Kent County Council's Commissioning Plan for Education in Kent 2024-2028 predicts a continued high surplus of places in Thanet and Westgate-on-Sea planning group. To enable St Saviours CofE Junior to remain a financially viable school we are proposing to reduce their PAN to 64 from September 2025. St Crispin's Infant School in the same planning area has seen a decrease in pupil numbers and this will progress into the Junior School. St Crispin's has also proposed a reduction in their PAN to 60 from September 2025. To ensure an equity of places St Saviour's is now also proposing to reduce their PAN accordingly.

Both KCC and the Governing Body are committed to ensuring the financial security of the school and the high standard of education going forward. It is on this basis that the reduction of the school's PAN is being proposed.

Following the proposed change, the County Council forecasts that there will remain sufficient school places for all children in the area, this will be reviewed on an ongoing basis as part of KCC's commissioning process. Should the demand for reception places in Westgate-on-Sea increase as proposed housing developments build out the school would be agreeable to increasing the PAN to 90 again.

If you have any comments regarding the proposed change, please email them to school.consultations@kent.gov.uk. Any comments should be submitted no later than midday on 08 August 2024

What happens next?

Following the notification period, KCC as the Admission Authority will apply to the Schools Adjudicator for permission to change the PAN to 64 from September 2025, the Adjudicator will be provided with any comments received from this notification.

Yours faithfully

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