**Consultation on Proposed Reduction in Published Admission Number (PAN) for Springfields First School 45 to 30 for September 2026.**

The Schools Admissions Code requires Staffordshire County Council to notify the appropriate bodies of its proposal to reduce the PAN at Springfields First School from 45 pupils to 30 pupils from September 2026.

This proposal has come about as a result of a request from the Governing Body due to falling numbers on roll and the impact that this has on the budget and financial capacity of the school to maintain the existing class and staff structure.

For September 2024 the school had a class of 18 for reception instead of 45. The school tends to admit very few additional pupils from those who have attended its pre-school provision and are therefore expected to admit 24 pupils in reception September 2025. To continue with numbers as low as this is not a viable option as there is insufficient funding to maintain the required staffing levels for one and half forms of entry for the PAN of 45.

The impact is significant to the school’s annual budget.

A reduction in PAN means that there can be one class per year group, increased space throughout school and consistent class sizes. Without the reduction in PAN there would be continuously changing mixed year groups, some larger classes and a lack of consistency within school. This could impact on the education of our students and well-being of all stakeholders.

The local authority will continue to monitor the demographics within the local area and note that Springfields First School has the accommodation to support additional pupils should there be a demand for additional school places in the future.

You may find the following information useful when considering this proposal.

**Past Pupil Admission Numbers**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Admission number** | **Number allocated** | **Number of applications** |
| **Sept 2021** | 45 | 25 | 45 |
| **Sept 2022** | 45 | 26 | 49 |
| **Sept 2023** | 45 | 38 | 65 |
| **Sept 2024** | 45 | 18 | 36 |

**Number on Roll as at January census**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Rec** | **Y1** | **Y2** | **Y3** | **Y4** | **TOTAL** |
| **Jan 2021** | 52 | 19 | 39 | 37 | 39 | **186** |
| **Jan 2022** | 28 | 53 | 21 | 41 | 37 | **180** |
| **Jan 2023** | 25 | 27 | 52 | 21 | 36 | **161** |
| **Jan 2024** | 40 | 28 | 26 | 53 | 21 | **168** |

Please send any queries or comments on this proposal by 5pm on 24 February 2025 to:

**Samantha Nicol, Head of School Admissions**

[samantha.nicol@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:samantha.nicol@staffordshire.gov.uk)

Staffordshire County Council

2 Staffordshire Place

Tipping Street

ST16 2DH