

1 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

### 1. **Consultation on Proposed Change to Published Admission Number (PAN)**

We are writing to inform you that the Trust is proposing a change to the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Tameside Primary Academy. The PAN determines the number of pupils admitted into Reception each year.

Currently, the PAN is 60, meaning we admit two classes of 30 pupils. We are proposing to reduce the PAN to 45 from **September 2027**. This would mean admitting one and a half classes rather than two full classes.

#### **Why are we proposing this change?**

- Local demographic data indicates a reduction in demand for school places in the area.
- A PAN of 45 will allow us to maintain high-quality teaching and learning while ensuring efficient use of resources.
- This change will help us to continue providing a broad and balanced curriculum in a sustainable way.

#### **What does this mean for you?**

If agreed, the new PAN will apply to Reception admissions from **September 2027** onwards. There will be no impact on pupils currently attending the school.

### 2. **Consultation on Proposed Change to additional priority**

We are proposing to introduce an additional priority criterion within our oversubscription rules:

**Priority will be given to children of staff who have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years at the date of application, or who have been recruited to fill a vacant position at the school for which there is a demonstrable shortage.**

This change aims to support staff retention and recruitment, ensuring stability and continuity within our school community.

### 3. **Removal of Historical Medical Criterion**

Policies previously included an extra criterion giving priority to children with serious medical conditions. This was not present in other policies and appears to be historical.

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**We have removed this criterion to ensure consistency across all admissions policies.**

All policies now follow the same oversubscription order, ensuring fairness and clarity for all applicants

**How to share your views**

We value your feedback on this proposal. The consultation period will run from **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

You can respond by:

Emailing: [info@shirelandcat.net](mailto:info@shirelandcat.net) or,

Writing to: **Mrs J Cook. Shireland Collegiate Academy, Waterloo Road, Smethwick. B66 4ND**

All responses must be received by **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. After the consultation closes, the Trust Board will consider all feedback before making a final decision.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Your views are important to us.

Yours sincerely

Sir Mark Grundy  
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