

14 December 2018

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Dear Parents & Carers

Rushden Academy - Proposal to Reduce the PAN

Rushden Academy invites you to take part in a consultation about a proposal to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) at Rushden Academy. The proposal is intended to bring it line with current figures and projected figures for the forthcoming September.

Rushden Academy is located on Hayway, Rushden, and Northamptonshire, NN10 6AG. The academy's current PAN is 210 for Yr 7. The proposal is to decrease the PAN to 180 from September 2020 so that the PAN is a reflection of the existing student numbers. Where there is a local need to admit over the PAN, Rushden Academy will do this, working in close partnership with Northamptonshire County Council to manage this.

This reduction in PAN will not affect the ethos, values and success of the current academy but will enhance the provision of education it can provide in a planned way. Rushden Academy is committed to serving the local children and local community and will follow Northamptonshire County Council's admissions policy, accepting pupils regardless of faith or ability.

We are keen to hear your views on this matter and the consultation period will now commence (Friday 14 December 2018) and will continue until Thursday 31 January 2019.

Rushden Academy joined Tove Learning Trust on May 1 2018. Rushden Academy is an average-sized secondary school. The majority of pupils are of White British heritage and there are small numbers from other ethnic groups, and few pupils speak English as an additional language. The proportion of pupils at Rushden Academy who have special educational needs and/or disabilities is average.

Why is Rushden Academy proposing to reduce capacity?

The current PAN is 210 for Yr 7 in September 2018, however, we currently have smaller year groups in Yr 7 (126), Yr 8 (115), Yr 9 (125), Yr 10 (140) and Yr 11 (145). This has meant that staffing capacity in the foreseeable will not be able to deal effectively with the increased PAN of 210 for Yr 7 in 2019.

Admissions

The Admissions arrangements for Rushden Academy will not change as a result of this proposal.

How you can give your views?

Your views are important to us.

We will be holding a consultation session at Rushden Academy between 4.00pm – 6.00pm for Parents/ Carers and the wider community in the Lecture Theatre on Thursday 10 January 2019.

We will be emailing an electronic questionnaire to help gather your views on the proposal, alternatively please can you complete the questionnaire at the foot of this letter and return to the main school reception or post to:

Mrs J Burton, Principal, Rushden Academy, Hayway, Rushden, Northamptonshire NN10 6AG

You will be able to read this information for formal consultation for the wider public as well as our Academy community on our website on the front page under 'Formal Consultation to Reduce PAN'.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JB', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Mrs J Burton
Principal

Questionnaire

1. Please tell us who you are – tick all that apply
- Parent or carer of a child/children at Rushden Academy
 - Parent or carer of a child/children at another school
 - If so which one?
 - Parent or carer of a child/children not yet of school age
 - A member of staff at Rushden Academy
 - A member of staff at another school
 - If so which one?
 - A local resident
 - Other.....
 - Please tell us more

2. What is your view of the proposal to reduce the Planned Admission Number (PAN) by 40 pupils for Rushden Academy from September 2020?

- Strongly in favour
- In favour
- Not sure
- Not in favour
- Strongly against

3. Please use the space below to add any other comments or views on the proposal

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