



University of Chichester Academy Trust Consultation on 2024 Admissions to Kingsham Primary School, Chichester

Context

Kingsham Primary School currently has a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 45. This is the upper limit for the number of pupils being admitted to the school.

Demand for places at the school has meant that the PAN of 45 is not being reached. In the last two years, the school has not recruited more than 30 children into Yr R on first preference. As the law states that classes in Yr R, Yr 1 and Yr 2 must be no larger than 30, this has led to unbalanced mixed-age classes.

This table shows the current unbalanced class sizes:

YEAR GROUP	CURRENT NUMBER ON ROLL
Yr R	34
Yr 1	33
Yr 2	45
Yr 3	38
Yr 4	40
Yr 5	60
Yr 6	58

Local Authority Projections for Reception admissions to Kingsham Primary School in the coming years:

2021 – 2022 (actual admission numbers)	32
2022 – 2023 (actual admission numbers)	33
2023 – 2024	34
2024 – 2025	34
2025 – 2026	33

Projections from the local authority show a fall in demand for pupil places in Yr R in Chichester even including adjustments for migration factors and PPRs.

2021 – 2022	483
2022 – 2023	476
2023 – 2024	491
2024 – 2025	463

The school has managed this very well over time, being flexible and admitting above PAN at times when demand for places had risen due to families choosing Kingsham Primary School after their children had finished at the local infant school, which is now a primary school.

As financial constraints have grown, this admissions model has increased the challenge of efficiently providing effective education for all children. The school's budget is significantly affected by not having full classes of 30 in every class. The school needs to ensure that the level of staffing and resourcing is sustainable to continue providing a high quality education to all pupils in every year group. Combining year groups to make classes smaller than 30 is a significant financial threat to the long term future of the school.

Schools in the local area have changed significantly in recent years. A large local school has moved into close proximity to Kingsham Primary School, the neighbouring infant school has turned into a primary school, local schools are expanding and some are increasing the number of pupils they are accepting.

The University of Chichester Academy Trust (the admissions authority for Kingsham Primary School) has therefore proposed that to resolve the issues identified above, it should consult on reducing the PAN to a single form of entry (30 children).

Proposal

The University of Chichester Academy Trust is the admissions authority for the school. The Trust wishes to reduce the Published Admission Number for Kingsham Primary School from 45 to 30 with effect from September 2024.

Consultation

In line with the Admissions Code, The Trust is consulting with stakeholders in the areas relevant for Kingsham Primary School between Monday 7 November 2022 and Monday 19 December 2022. The views of stakeholders of the proposed reduction in the PAN for Kingsham Primary School are welcomed. In considering this proposal you may wish to read the full Admissions Policy of the School below.

How to respond

If you have any comments please address them to: admissionsconsultation@chi.ac.uk. or send them to:

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If you wish to receive a paper copy of this consultation you should apply in writing to the above address. We will publish our determination by the 28th February 2023. Following publication of the determination any subsequent objections will need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator by 15 May 2023.