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**Cropthorne with Charlton CE First School** – the Governing Body wish to consult on reducing the PAN from 18 to 15. The intention is to move to a mixed class structure, in line with the Infant Class Size legislation, which the Governing Body believe will assist in future financial sustainability.

We would also draw your attention to those Academy, Foundation, Free or Voluntary Aided schools that may also be consulting on a PAN reduction or a PAN increase that requires statutory approval.

**Fladbury CE First School** – the Governing Body wish to consult on reducing the PAN from 20 to 15 as part of the area-wide transition to a two-tier system of education in Pershore. The intention is to have a mixed class structure, in line with the Infant Class Size legislation, and to allow for the proposed conversion to primary school without the need for additional accommodation. Please respond directly to the Governing Body at the school on this proposal.

The proposals on PAN reductions can be viewed here <u>Consultation on Proposed Admission Policies 2023/2024 Academic Year | Consultation on Proposed Admission Policies 2023/2024 Academic Year | Worcestershire County Council</u>

Admission Authorities are not required to consult on an increase to the PAN if the school has the accommodation. However, there is still a statutory requirement to consult on an increase to the size of a school where the increase is 30 places and by more than 25% of the existing accommodation.

Academies will need to seek permission from the Regional Schools Commissioner to vary their PAN and funding agreements. Additional accommodation required at any school to meet any Basic Need and any projects connected to that will need to be included in the capital investment plan.

Information on any additional PAN increases that require statutory increases as part of the Pershore area wide transition to two-tier can be found here Pershore Education Planning Area Review | Worcestershire County Council

This will apply at the following schools:

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e local press to this effect.

Where there is no change from the determined policy approved for 2022, and no objections were received to that policy, those admission authorities need not consult for 2023.

Any comments on Academy, Foundation, Free and Voluntary Aided school policies should be directed to the schools themselves.

## **Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements and Dates**

Local Authorities are required, to operate a co-ordinated admissions scheme for the normal admissions round for

neighbouring authorities, and all admission authorities within their area to ensure that **only one offer of a school place** is awarded to pupils.

The proposed schemes can be viewed at: <u>Co-ordinated Schemes for all Worcestershire</u> <u>Schools | Worcestershire County Council</u>. These are similar to the schemes implemented for the last few academic years.

## <u>Timescales for this consultation</u>

Consultation will run from **11 October 2021 to 26 November 2021**, a response is invited from any interested parties.

Responses to the Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools Admission Policy, PAN reductions at those schools and the Co-ordinated Schemes are required by 12 pm on Friday 26 November 2021.

They should be sent by e-mail to <a href="mailto:ataylor4@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk">ataylor4@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk</a>

Or by post to: Admission Arrangements Consultation, School Admissions, Worcestershire Children First, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester