



ADMISSIONS – IMPORTANT NOTICE (November 2020)

REDUCTION IN PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER 2022/23

Highworth Warneford Secondary School, as its own admission authority, is consulting on a reduction to the Published Admission Number (PAN) from September 2022 (academic year 2022/23).

The current admission number of students in Year 7 is 180 and the proposal is to reduce this to 150. Therefore the maximum number of students that will be admitted into Year 7 in September 2022, and all subsequent year 7 cohorts, will be 150.

The proposed reduction in the PAN is in direct response to a number of realities that Highworth Warneford School are confronting. These include:

- An overall reduction in the demand for school places within Highworth and the neighbouring areas due to a change in demographics.
- A new secondary school has opened in Swindon with more secondary education capacity being planned locally.
- Welcomed improvements in the quality of education in Swindon schools more generally, which has provided a wide variety of secondary education options to student, often closer to home.
- As funding is received based on the number of students on roll, if there are a significant number of admission spaces, the school is not considered as operating cost effectively.

The reduction in PAN for Year 7 will enable the school to organise into 5-form entry provision. There are sufficient school places so that the proposed changes are not expected to disadvantage students who are given priority due to the criteria outlined within the school's admissions policy.

Please see the consultation letter from the Headteacher, along with the proposed Admissions Policy for 2022/23 within the admissions section of our website.

<https://www.warnefordschool.org/admissions/>

All comments and feedback should be directed to admin@warnefordschool.org or posted in writing to Highworth Warneford School, Shrivenham Road, Highworth, Swindon, SN6 7BZ.

The consultation to reduce the PAN will conclude on Thursday 31 December 2020.

Following the conclusion of the consultation, all responses will be considered and the school, alongside the Governing Board, will finalise the admission arrangements.