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Dear Colleague

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2026/2027 CONSULTATION

I am writing to:

- Invite your comments upon the proposed published admission numbers for 2026/2027
- Invite your comments upon the proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for 2026/2027

Please note that this consultation ends on Wednesday 18 December 2024. Comments should be submitted via the following link <u>https://online1.snapsurveys.com/rs8dl5</u>

We would appreciate your assistance in raising parents' awareness of the consultation. Attached is a notice setting out details of the consultation. It would be helpful if you could display this in a prominent area at school.

Published Admission Number (PAN) Consultation

The Local Authority as the admissions authority for all Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools is consulting on the PANs for these schools and has the responsibility for determining both the PANs and admission arrangements for these schools.

Own Admission Authority Schools are reminded that the responsibility for determining both the admission arrangements and the PANs are the responsibility of the Own Admission Authority's Governing Body.

Any comments received through the Local Authority consultation process for an Own Admission Authority School will be forwarded for your necessary action.

To: All Primary and Secondary Headteachers, Headteachers of Academies, Academy Trusts, All Diocesan Bodies, Neighbouring Authorities

Proposed Admission Arrangements for 2026/2027

Copies of:

- Appendix 1 Proposed NYC Coordinated Admission Arrangements 2026-2027
- Appendix 1a- Proposed NYC In Year Admission Arrangements 2026-2027
- Appendix 2 Proposed NYC admissions policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools;
- Appendix 2a Proposed NYC admissions policy for Ripon Grammar School boarding places
- Appendix 3 the proposed nursery admissions policy. This is the policy which must be applied by nursery schools and VC and Community schools with nursery classes in circumstances where there are more applications than the number of places available.
- Appendix 4 Primary Schools
- Appendix 5 Secondary Schools
- Appendix 6 Proposed Primary School Published Admission Numbers for 2026/2027 please see below the schools who are proposing to reduce their PAN

School	Determined Published	Proposed
	Admission Numbers	PAN for
	(PAN) for 2025/26	2026/27
Alverton Primary School	30	20
Green Hammerton CE Primary School	17	15
Hertford Vale CE VC Primary School	18	15
Pickering Community Infant School	75	60
Romanby Primary School	40	30
Selby Abbey CE VC Primary	60	45
Thirsk Community Primary	42	30
Whitley & Eggborough Community Primary	40	30

• Appendix 7 – Proposed Secondary School Published Admission Numbers for 2026/2027

Sixth Form Admissions Policy

The School Admissions Code is clear that admissions arrangements for secondary schools with a sixth form must include separate entry requirements and over subscription criteria for entry to Year 12 together with the proposed admission number for new entrants to the school.

The Local Authority is proposing that schools continue to develop and apply their own sixth form admissions policies, which must be in accordance with guidance in the School Admissions Code and which must be published in each school's prospectus with a copy provided to the Local authority for publication on the NYCC website. If you have not yet provided us with a copy of your school's sixth form admission policy please ensure that you do so.

Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Free Schools and Academies

The determination of admissions arrangements for Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Trust schools and Academies is the responsibility of the schools' governing bodies as the admission authority for the school. The process for determining admission arrangements is outlined in the Admissions Code 2021. School admissions code 2021 (publishing.service.gov.uk)

Relevant Areas

The Education (Relevant Areas for Consultation on Admission Arrangements) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999 No. 124) require local authorities to determine relevant areas for consultation on admission arrangements. The Relevant Areas for schools maintained by North Yorkshire Council are as follows:

For Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools, the Relevant Area is the entire County of North Yorkshire, plus the City of York and the area of Bradford Metropolitan Authority served at secondary level by South Craven School.

For Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Free Schools and Academies the relevant area for consultation is North Yorkshire Council and admission authorities within a radius of 3 miles of the school, including admission authorities in neighbouring local authority areas. It is proposed that relevant areas for consultation remain unchanged.

Action required by own admission authority schools and key dates

As required by the Admissions Code 2021:

Any changes to admission arrangements should be subject to a six-week consultation between 1st October and 31 January 2026.

All admission authority schools must determine their admission arrangements including their PAN every year even if you are not proposing any changes to your admission arrangements.

Admission arrangements for 2026/2027 must be determined by 28 February 2025.

The determined admission arrangements for 2026/2027 must be published on the school's website by **<u>15 March 2025</u>**.

A copy of your determined arrangements for 2026/2027 must be sent to North Yorkshire Local Authority by <u>15th March 2025</u>.

(Please email these to <u>schoolorganisation@northyorks.gov.uk</u> including the school/Trust name in the subject)

Should you wish to discuss any proposed change to your school's PAN for 2026/2027 or admission above PAN for September 2025 or any other issues relating to admission arrangements please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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