

Forest Academy statutory consultation on the admission arrangements for the academic year September 2026

Consultation period: Friday, 22nd November 2024 to Friday, 17th January 2025 at 5pm

The Admissions Code of Practice 2021 requires an Admissions Authority to consult each time it proposes to make significant changes to its admissions arrangements. Inspire Partnership Academy Trust the Admission Authority for Forest Academy, Bridle Road, Croydon CR0 8HQ is consulting on two proposals: to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) and to introduce the inclusion of staff criteria for admissions to Forest Academy, Bridle Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 8HQ from September 2026.

Proposal 1: Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN).

The reason for the reduction is that historically pupil numbers have not consistently exceeded 30 for at least 3+ years. Informal Local Authority (LA) caps are already in place but reducing the PAN will give the school greater certainty and allow it to plan most effectively.

Proposal 2: Inclusion of children of staff at the school as a separate oversubscription criteria

The Trust recognises that giving priority to children of staff may promote staff morale, recruitment and retention, reward their commitment to the school and create a community environment.

There are no other material changes to our proposed arrangements, so although the full draft document is included for completeness, we are not seeking feedback on any other aspect of these arrangements.

The full arrangements can be viewed [here](#).

Consultation responses

The Trustees of Inspire Partnership Trust invite you to submit your views or make comments, in writing, by 5pm on Friday, 17th January 2025. Responses to this consultation can be made by email to our Governance Administrator, Julie Newman - jnewman@inspirepartnership.co.uk submitted by 5pm on Friday, 17th January 2025.