



21st January 2019

To whom it may concern,

PROPOSED CHANGE TO PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER FOR HOPE COMMUNITY SCHOOL,
SOUTHAMPTON

New Generation Schools Trust is the sponsor of Hope Community School, Southampton. The Trust already sponsors Hope Community School, Sidcup a Free School that opened in September 2013. Hope Community School, Southampton opened in September 2017, welcoming our first group of 30 children into a Reception class and in 2018 admitted a further 30 children into the second Reception class. The school serves families in S014 - Southampton City centre.

We are now consulting with parents and carers, as well as the local community and other key stakeholders, about the Published Admission Number (PAN) of Hope Community School, Southampton.

The Funding Agreement for the school set the PAN at 60 per year. However, we have only received applications for up to 30 children each year to date. We need to formally reduce the PAN to 30 due to the space restrictions of our temporary accommodation and because of financial reasons. As a small school it is not financially viable to operate a year group of over 30 but below approximately 45 children. Admitting between 31 and 45 children would pose a financial risk for the Trust. Admitting over 45 children per year group becomes financially viable again. Based on local projections of demand for primary places and the past two years of applications we do not anticipate the demand for places to be higher than 45 per year (as far as we have access to projected pupil numbers). The PAN is currently 60 per year and we would like to temporarily reduce this to 30 whilst we are in temporary accommodation for financial and space restriction reasons.

Once the school is larger and we have less restricted space (once we are in permanent accommodation) we will review this reduction and intend to increase our PAN back to 60 per year. This change would formalise what is currently happening so would be an 'in-year' change, i.e. would continue rather than start on a particular date.

This consultation process is being undertaken from Monday 21st January and concluding on Monday 11th March. Your view is important to us and we welcome your response.

Consultation meetings will be held

Central Hall, St Mary Street, Southampton, SO14 1NF

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At: Hope Community School, Central Hall, St Mary Street, SO14 1NF
On: Tuesday 12th February 2:30pm and 5:30pm
Please come along to either to ask any questions or give feedback.

Please help us by answering the following questions as appropriate and feel free to add additional comments in the space provided. You can complete this online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G97T69K>.

Alternatively, you can email your comments to mary.rouse@hopecommunityschool.org.

1. Do you agree that Hope Community School, Southampton PAN should be reduced to 30?

Yes No Do not know

2. What are the positives you see about the reduction of the PAN?

3. What are the disadvantages of the reduction of the PAN?

4. Do you believe this change would have any effect on other educational institutions?

Yes No Don't know

5. Do you think this change would have any effect on any other individual or group?

Yes No Don't know

6. The proposed Admission Arrangements for HCS have been updated with the DfE and is fully compliant with the School Admissions Code. The Admissions Policy with highlighted changes is available on the School's website (www.hopecommunityschool.org). If you wish to comment you can do so here or by emailing mary.rouse@hopecommunityschool.org.

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7. If you are not happy for us to quote your comments in our report, please tick here. All comments will be anonymised prior to publication, and the report will be made available on our website.

8. Please tick here if you would like to be kept in touch as the school develops.

If you would like to be kept in touch please provide your email:

9. Please provide your postcode:

Many thanks for your time and responses.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M Rouse'.

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