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Dear Highfields Stakeholders

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Formal consultation on the admission arrangements for Highfields School 2023-24 including a proposal to change the Published Admission Number (PAN).

In accordance with the Admissions Code of Practice, the Governors of the Highfields School wish to consult with parents/carers and the local community on our proposed admission arrangements for 2023-24, a copy of which can be found on our website (<https://www.highfields.derbyshire.sch.uk/admissions/>).

These arrangements have not changed from our 2021-22 admissions policy, with the exception that we wish to reduce our PAN down from 246 to 210. A review of our estates data took place in October 2021 with all spaces surveyed for usage (the previous review being completed in 2013 by Derbyshire County Council), the reduction in PAN has become necessary. Over the years changes have taken place for a number of reasons, including addressing support required for SEND students, requirement to provide space for Early Help staff and increasing the number of specialised technical spaces to fully deliver the curriculum.

What happens next?

We are consulting widely from Monday 29 November 2021 to Friday 21 January 2022 to hear and collect stakeholder views.

Comments and responses should be sent to: admissionsconsultation@highfields.derbyshire.sch.uk
Alternatively postal responses should be sent to Admissions Consultation, Highfields School, Upper Lumsdale, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5NA.

If the proposals are approved, the Published Admission Number for the secondary provision (years 7-11) of Highfields School will reduce to 210 taking effect from September 2023.

Target Timeline: expected key dates in the decision making process

The consultation will follow the prescribed format as follows:

29 November 2021	Start of consultation period
21 January 2022	Consultation ends
27 January 2022	Governing Board meeting to review consultation feedback
28 February 2022	Final date admission arrangements can be determined

Thank you in anticipation of your support, we look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors on behalf of
Highfields School's Governing Board

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A good school with an outstanding Sixth Form. Ofsted, October 2012

