



# Wolstanton High School

A Shaw Education Trust Academy



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Dear parent or carer

## **Consultation on a Proposed Reduction in the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Wolstanton High School**

Wolstanton High School invites you to take part in a consultation about a proposal to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) at the school to 150 pupils per year, with effect from September 2020.

### **Background**

Currently, the PAN for Wolstanton High School is 232 pupils per Year 7 entry. However, in recent years, the number of children starting at the school has reduced. In September 2017, there were 122 pupils who started at the school in Year 7 and 149 in 2018.

### **Proposal**

The proposal is to reduce the PAN for the number of places available for Year 7 pupils joining the school to **150 pupils in Year 7 in 2020**. This would apply to all subsequent Year 7 cohorts. For children who are already at the school, there would be no change.

Where there is a local need to admit above the PAN in Year 7, the school will work in close partnership with Staffordshire Local Authority to enable this to happen. The reduction in the PAN is the only proposed change to the admission criteria; all other criteria, including oversubscription, would remain the same.

### **Rationale for the Proposal**

Wolstanton High School is a school that is currently on a journey to becoming a securely good school offering the very best educational experiences for the young people in the community it serves. We are ambitious for our learners - we want them to enjoy exceptional teaching and learning and as a result, be able to access the highly aspirational opportunities that they deserve in life.

The funding that we receive to achieve this ambition is determined by the number of pupils attending the school. As numbers are now smaller, the staffing of the school has been reduced to reflect this.

However, as the PAN has remained high, the school admits a significant number of additional pupils during the course of the year who did not start at Wolstanton in Year 7. These unknown

numbers mean that future resource planning and management is difficult – class sizes have increased, the in-school population becomes de-stabilised and the impact on pupils is detrimental.

The proposed reduction in PAN would enable more effective resource management, help us to keep class sizes at an optimal level to secure pupil performance and support the ambition of providing the very highest quality educational experience for the pupils.

### **How to Respond**

This consultation will run from 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 until 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019. You are invited to submit any comments in writing about the proposal for the attention of Mrs Farrent, Executive Principal, by email to [office@wolstanton.shaw-education.org.uk](mailto:office@wolstanton.shaw-education.org.uk). Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address and relationship to the school.

The deadline for the receipt of any comments is midday on the 11<sup>th</sup> January. For further information regarding the consultations process, please refer to our proposal document; copies of which can be located on the school website.

Following the consultation, the Academy Council and the trust will consider any comments received and make a decision on how to proceed.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs Dawn Farrent**  
**Executive Principal**