



ST. MATTHEW'S
ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Voluntary Academy

Monday 06 December 2021

Consultation on a proposed reduction of the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 300 to 270 in years 7 to 11 at St Matthew's RC High School.

Consultation period: 06 December 2021 to 17 January 2022

Why are we consulting?

The Schools Admissions Code 2021 (Sections 1.45-1.48) sets out a requirement for all admission authorities to undertake statutory consultation where they propose a variation to the Published Admission Number of a school. The purpose of this consultation is to seek the views of parents, carers and other interested stakeholders on the proposal to reduce the school's PAN for September 2023. The schools admissions code can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1001050/School_admissions_code_2021.pdf

The Directors of the Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust (CAT) propose that the published admissions number (PAN) at St Matthew's RC High School be reduced from 300 to 270 from September 2023. The local authority has also been notified of the proposal. The proposal to reduce the school's PAN will mean that the number of places available for children in years 7 to 11 from September 2023 will be 270. There will be no change for children who already have a place at the school.

Our projections show that there will be sufficient places for local Catholic children if the PAN for this school is reduced. Should the demand for additional school places increase in the future, Emmaus CAT will consider raising the PAN again.

Most funding received by schools is directly related to the number of students attending the school. If there are too many vacancies in our school, this means that we will not receive the maximum revenue possible. Therefore, we are proposing to reduce the number of available places, to enable the school to operate more efficiently and cost effectively. The proposal to reduce the PAN from 300 to 270, is to ensure the PAN is more in line with the number of students on roll.

Who are we consulting with?

During this consultation period, we would like to see representations from:

- Parents and carers of children between the ages of 2 and 18
- Other persons in the area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions
- All other admissions authorities in the local area
- The local authority
- Any adjoining local authorities
- Salford Diocese

What happens next?

At the end of the consultation period the Emmaus CAT will consider all responses to the proposal and will determine the admissions arrangements for 2023/2024 by the 28 February 2022.

How to respond to the consultation.

The consultation runs from the 06 December to 3pm on the 17 January 2022. Please respond by completing the form which can be found by using the following link;

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScP_Xoon2BSh6X1ws7cxstLvPg9BJrUmzp-0wKqoqrqRy9RDg/viewform?usp=pp_url

You can also respond in writing to the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Smith, St Matthew's RC High School, Nuthurst Road, Moston, Manchester, M40 0EW. Representations received after the specified time above will not be considered.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H Murden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and a stylized "M".

Mrs Helen Murden
Headteacher