St Ralph Sherwin
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Thursday 5 November 2026

Dear Stakeholder,

St Annes Catholic Voluntary Academy - proposed reduction in PAN from 45 to 30.

The St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust are responsible for providing primary/secondary education in several academies across Derby City, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire and Stockport.

The Trust is required to carry out a consultation regarding any proposed changes in our academies published admission numbers or oversubscription admission criteria.

The St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust is the admission authority for all the schools. The Trust is responsible for ensuring that the school complies with the relevant law and guidance in respect of Admissions and Appeals for state funded schools.

Annually we will review our policy to ensure it is compliant with Admissions law and the Code of Practice and that it meets the needs of our local communities and is a true reflection of those who are interested in joining one of our schools.

Our admissions policy operates from the autumn term of the academic year specified and applies to all admissions for the schools during that year. It will continue for subsequent years until further notice.

We would like to ask your thoughts on the changes that we are proposing. The proposal to reduce PAN/intake from 45 to 30 for the 2028/29 admissions cycle onwards is based on the following rationale.

The school projected an intake of 42 pupils for the reception class; however, this number decreased to 36. The trend in the number of pupils applying to the school is in decline, and data indicates that the school may be more appropriately structured as a one-form entry, with a PAN of 30.

Despite efforts to raise the school's profile through targeted marketing campaigns within both the parish and the local community, the impact has been limited. Should trends be reversed in the future, the Trust would have no hesitation in requesting an increase to PAN. The current building infrastructure of the school would mean that this could be done very quickly if required.

Stakeholders can share their feedback on this consultation by email to: govmanager@srscmat.co.uk or in writing to Emma Kealey, Governance & Compliance Lead, St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust, 3rd Floor, St Katherine's House, Mansfield Road, Derby, DE1 3TQ.

The consultation will run from Thursday 5 November 2026 until Thursday 17 December 2026 at noon.

Thank you in advance, for sharing your views.

Yours sincerely

Emma Kealey
Governance & Compliance Lead

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Catholic Multi Academy Trust

Admissions Consultation on proposed changes to St Annes Catholic Voluntary Academy

Admission Arrangements for the 2028-2029 school year

Period of Consultation: Thursday 5 November 2026 to Thursday 17 December 2026 at noon.

As part of St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust, from Thursday 5 November 2026 until Thursday 17 December 2026 at noon the academy noted below will be consulting on proposed changes to 2028/29 admission arrangements.

All schools/academies must have admission arrangements that clearly set out how children will be admitted, including information about what happens if there are more applications than places available (oversubscription criteria). The criteria must be reasonable, clear, objective, and procedurally fair and comply with all relevant legislation, including equalities legislation. It is for the admissions authority to decide which criteria are most suitable for the school/academy according to local circumstances.

The proposed changes: St Anne's Catholic Voluntary Academy to reduce its Published Admission Number from 45 to 30.

Consultation information:

Full details of the admissions consultation including proposed admission arrangements for 2028/29 can be found on the Trust website: www.srscmat.co.uk. All consultation information (hard copy) is also available upon request from any school/academy, or the Trust.

Who are we consulting with?

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires that all admission authorities undertake a statutory consultation to seek the views and comments of parents/carers, other admission authorities, primary and junior schools in the relevant area, local authorities including neighbouring local authorities and anyone else who may be affected by the proposed changes.

The consultation will run for 6 weeks commencing on Thursday 5 November 2026 and closing on Thursday 17 December 2026 at noon. A copy of the School Admissions Code 2021 can be found at www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code--2

How can you respond to the consultation?

You can respond to this consultation before the closing date in one of the following ways:

- Email to: govmanager@srscmat.co.uk
- In writing to Emma Kealey, Governance & Compliance Lead, St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust, 3rd Floor, St Katherine's House, Mansfield Road, Derby, DE1 3TQ

What happens next?

After the consultation period has closed the Directors of St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust (as the admissions authority) will consider the responses received. The Trust will then determine final admission arrangements for 2028/29. Following determination, the arrangements will be published on the academy's website.