

15<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Re: Consultation on Bournemouth Park Academy Admission Arrangements**

The Trust is consulting on a proposal to reduce the pupil admission number (PAN) from September 2022 from 90 to 60 pupils. For the academic year 2022-23, this will apply to Reception. The Trust is not proposing any other changes to the admissions arrangements or criteria.

The reason for the proposed change is that across the borough of Southend there has been a decline in the birth rate, leading to a fall in the number of pupils needing a school place. This has already had an impact on other admission years where capacity was not met.

The proposal helps the Academy to ensure that it has an ongoing and stable pupil population and a suitably sized workforce to meet the needs of the pupils. The proposal also helps Southend Borough Council to manage the number of vacant pupil places in Southend.

In accordance with paragraph 1.43 of the School Admissions Code, the consultation will run for a period of 6 weeks from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

If you wish to contribute to the consultation, please e-mail [office@bournemouthpark.southend.sch.uk](mailto:office@bournemouthpark.southend.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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