



Stockport School

Admissions Consultation

Proposal to Raise the Pupil Admission Number (PAN)

Stockport School proposes to raise its current Pupil Admission Number (PAN) in Year 7 from 240 to **250 (an increase of 10 students)**.

This proposal would allow for an overall increase of **50** students in total across Years 7-11, building to an eventual school capacity of **1250**.

The school currently has 1207 on roll in Years 7-11 and is already operating on an over-subscribed basis, 32 students above its total combined PAN numbers, due to high popularity/demand for places and associated in-year admissions and appeals (see below).

| Stockport School | Current PAN | Actual Numbers on Roll | Difference from PAN (+/-) |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Year 7 | 240 | 244 | +4 |
| Year 8 | 240 | 267 | +27 |
| Year 9 | 240 | 239 | -1 |
| Year 10 | 240 | 241 | +1 |
| Year 11 | 215* | 216 | +1 |
| Totals | 1175* | 1207 | +32 |

*Old 215 PAN will progress to 240 in 2019/20

In terms of overall demand for places, over the past few years the school has received a rapidly growing number of first and second choice preference applications for places in Year 7, which has resulted in a significant number of students and their parents being disappointed not to have been awarded a place.

The 2017 Local Authority data (below), outlines the overall oversubscription demand for places with 566 preferences being registered for the 240 available places, of which 290 (50 more than PAN) were first choice preference and a further 144 second choice preference (334 in total first and second choice preferences – 114 more than the published PAN).

Secondary Preferences
Expressed and Allocated



Preference Expressed

| Preference School Name | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Other | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Bramhall High School | 151 | 145 | 142 | 47 | 31 | 12 | 112 | 640 |
| Cheadle Hulme High School | 492 | 353 | 153 | 41 | 31 | 10 | 0 | 1080 |
| Harrytown Catholic High School | 134 | 110 | 56 | 15 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 321 |
| Hazel Grove High School | 337 | 245 | 167 | 51 | 20 | 5 | 0 | 825 |
| Marple Hall School | 366 | 202 | 73 | 18 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 674 |
| Priestnall School | 373 | 151 | 104 | 36 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 692 |
| Reddish Vale High School | 133 | 49 | 16 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 45 | 256 |
| St Anne's Roman Catholic High School | 101 | 107 | 57 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 290 |
| Stockport Academy | 156 | 70 | 48 | 25 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 318 |
| St James' Catholic High School | 220 | 170 | 107 | 36 | 11 | 9 | 0 | 553 |
| Stockport School | 290 | 144 | 76 | 34 | 14 | 8 | 0 | 566 |
| The Kingsway School | 257 | 184 | 137 | 45 | 29 | 15 | 0 | 667 |
| Werneth School | 203 | 69 | 33 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 22 | 340 |
| Total | 3213 | 1999 | 1169 | 374 | 186 | 99 | 182 | 7222 |

This level of demand was also the case during the previous academic year 2016 (see below), where in total 543 applications were received for the 240 available places, of which 281 were first choice preferences (41 more than PAN), with a further 122 second choice preferences. In total 474 students (parents) placed us as either 1st, 2nd or 3rd (40 up on the total for the previous 2015 academic year).

| | 2016 Academic Year – Year 7 Admissions - Preferences | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| | PAN | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Other | Total |
| Stockport School | 240 | 281 | 122 | 71 | 39 | 18 | 12 | 0 | 543 |

The School would therefore like to try and respond to this growing demand for places by increasing its overall capacity and PAN by 10 places per year.

As a result of the growing high demand for places, we have also as a result of our good reputation, received a growing number/high proportion of students with significant additional learning needs / vulnerability or disadvantage through High Needs/SEN/LAC/Pupil Premium (currently placing us 2nd in the borough across secondary schools in terms of proportion of these groups to other non-high needs/disadvantage). See below:

| Stockport School | PAN | NOR | LAC | EHCP |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Year 7 | 240 | 244 | 12 | 6 |
| Year 8 | 240 | 267 | 5 | 12 |
| Year 9 | 240 | 239 | 1 | 3 |
| Year 10 | 240 | 241 | 4 | 10 |
| Year 11 | 215* | 216 | 3 | 8 |
| Totals | 1175* | 1207 | 25 | 39 |

As a result of the greatly increased levels of high need, vulnerable and/or disadvantaged groups of students requiring additional support, the school has needed to move towards the creation and use of 10 teaching groups instead of its previous 9 groups. This model, although required from an effective teaching and learning position to meet and respond to the needs of our cohort, is proving to be uneconomical at present following cuts to school budgets.

Therefore, whilst the proposal to increase the school PAN is in direct response to the significant year on year high and increased demand for student places in Stockport School from our local community, the need for effective teaching and learning practices relative to the needs of our school cohort spread across 10 teaching groups, requires us to now make this more economically cost effective. Therefore, the proposal to increase the PAN by 10 students overall equates to the addition of only one student per teaching group in each year group, but allows for much greater efficiencies and economics in terms of staff to pupil ratios.

An increase in the PAN number would be to make the current 10 teaching groups more cost effective, and negate a possible need to either significantly increase class sizes to an unfeasible and unmanageable number which would be prejudicial and damaging to our current students or alternatively reduce our PAN altogether to allow for a reduction to 9 teaching groups, which would in turn restrict further entry to what is already a very popular and oversubscribed school.

In summary we submit this business case for consultation to increase our PAN by 10 student places, based upon clear evidential demand for places within the school.

Yours sincerely



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