

November 4, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Statutory Consultation on the Proposed Reduction in Published Admission Number (PAN) for Sneyd Academy for the 2026/2027 academic year**

Alpha Academies Trust is its own admissions authority as described in the School Admissions Code (2021), and it is our responsibility to consult on any proposed changes to our admissions criteria.

We seek to reduce the Published Admissions Number (PAN) for Sneyd Academy, effective from September 2026/2027 reception intake year and all subsequent years thereafter. This will enable us to ensure that the academy remains sustainable, inclusive and equitable to the communities we serve.

**Background**

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for Sneyd Academy is 90. This means that the number of children admitted to the school in reception each year is a maximum of 90.

According to data from the Office of National Statistics (ONS), the number of live births nationally has fallen over the last five years. This trend has also been replicated locally and has led to a high level of surplus places in our academy.

In September 2024, 58 reception pupils had been allocated a place at Sneyd Academy. The total number on roll in September 2024 from Reception to Year 6 was 512, well below the 630 places currently available.

Sneyd Academy works closely with the Local Authority to monitor and evaluate the predicted future demand for places in our school. The demand for places is forecasted to reduce for Sneyd Academy to such an extent that it is necessary to propose a reduction in the Published Admission Number (PAN) for the school to ensure it remains financially sustainable and continues to be able to meet the changing demand for school places in its catchment area. We believe it is unlikely that the school will fill up to the existing Published Admission Number (PAN) in the next several years, based on the number of births and forecasted need for school places in the future.

**The Proposal**

Sneyd Academy propose to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 90 pupils to 60 for the reception intake from September 2026.

**What does this mean?**

This means that the number of school places offered for reception intake starting from September 2026 will be reduced. There will be no impact on pupils who already have a place at the school and all other admissions criteria will remain the same.

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The proposed change will help our school to effectively focus its teaching and learning resources to match the demand of school places in the catchment area. School staff are working hard to continue to improve outcomes of all our children and feel strongly that the proposed reduction will benefit outcomes for our younger learners, whilst still enabling us to meet the changing demand of places.

### The consultation

We place great importance on seeking views of our families, staff colleagues and the wider community. We welcome feedback from all interested stakeholders on this proposal.

As set out in the School Admissions Code, we are entering into a 6-week statutory consultation.

**This consultation will run for six weeks from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**  
**Any representations received**

All stakeholders are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal. Please complete our online form <https://forms.office.com/e/Bf2Y6bFcFt> or use the QR code below.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support of Sneyd Academy.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs R Lee

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