Consultation on Reduced Published Admission Number at Dixons Brooklands Academy

Proposed change

A consultation is proposed on the reduction of the Year 7 published admissions number (PAN) at Dixons Brooklands Academy, which will result in a change to the admissions arrangements. The proposed change is to reduce Year 7 PAN from 210 to 180 in September 2028 and further reduce to 150 in September 2029.

No changes are proposed to the oversubscription criteria or any other aspect of the admissions arrangements.

Reasons for change

The School Admissions Code 2021, sections 1.3 and 1.45, requires an admissions authority to run a public consultation when they propose to reduce the PAN for a relevant age group, in this instance the PAN for Year 7.

Our trust is keen to work with Manchester City Council to best manage school place sufficiency across the local authority. We also have a statutory duty to manage public funds efficiently and responsibly, and at present we do not operate with full year groups across the school, which can pose financial challenges. By gradually reducing the Year 7 PAN to 150 over two years, this will enable the school to operate with full year groups.

Considerations

Place sufficiency in our local context: Will this change mean local families in Wythenshawe won't be able to get a place at the school?

No, our oversubscription criteria are remaining the same and priority for most places is still allocated to siblings and those who live closest to the school. We are firmly committed to providing an excellent education and school experience for our local families.

Place sufficient across the local authority: Will families across the Manchester City Council local area still have enough school places to meet demand and parental preference?

Yes, we have proposed this change in full consultation with Manchester City Council who fully support the reduction in Year 7 PAN from 210 to 150 over two years.

Proposed arrangements

The full proposed arrangements are published on the school website, linked below, and available in hard copy on request to the contact details below. The changes proposed are highlighted in yellow throughout the document.

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How to submit a response

If you wish to submit a response to the proposed changes, please complete the form linked below.

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Alternatively, you can email or write to us using the contact details below, please address to the admissions officer and title your correspondence 'response to the Dixons Brooklands Academy admissions consultation 2028-29'.

Email: info@dixonsbk.com

Post: Dixons Brooklands Academy, Moor Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester, M23 9BP

Next steps

The consultation will be open from Monday 2 November to Friday 18 December 2026. All responses received during that period will be collated and shared with our trust board for consideration when determining the final admissions arrangements. The final arrangements will be shared with the local authority and published on the school website by 15 March 2027.