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Admission Arrangements at Clearwell C of E Primary School for September 2028-29

Under the School Admissions Code (September 2021), we will be consulting on our existing admission arrangements for September 2028 entry over the next six weeks. We propose to reduce our Published Admission Number (PAN) from: 10 to 7 for admissions in September 2028.

The proposed reduction reflects the continuing decline in the number of children entering primary school and the corresponding reduction in demand for places at the school nationally.

The school has experienced a reduction in Reception intake in recent years, with numbers not expected to rise again in the foreseeable future. These numbers indicate a sustained reduction in demand for Reception places. A PAN of 7 would therefore better reflect anticipated demand while retaining sufficient capacity to accommodate fluctuations in pupil numbers.

Reducing the PAN is a proactive measure intended to support the long-term financial and operational stability of the school. It will enable the school to plan staffing and resources more effectively and ensure that its capacity is appropriately aligned with the number of pupils it is likely to admit.

School funding is significantly influenced by pupil numbers, while many of the costs associated with running a primary school remain relatively fixed. These include staffing, premises, maintenance, utilities and other essential operational costs.

Maintaining a PAN that is higher than anticipated demand can therefore result in inefficient use of resources and place additional financial pressure on the school.

Reducing the PAN from 10 to 7 would provide a more sustainable basis for staffing and financial planning while continuing to provide high-quality education and appropriate support for all pupils

The school has considered the potential impact of the proposed reduction on children and families seeking a primary school place. A PAN of 7 would continue to provide places in excess of the school's recent and projected Reception intakes, while allowing the school to respond to reasonable variations in demand.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105



As part of this consultation, we welcome the views of parents and carers, prospective parents and other interested parties.

Following the consultation, all responses received will be carefully considered before a final decision is made on the proposed admission arrangements for September 2028.

Please see the policy attached for further information.

The consultation opens on Thursday, 1st October 2026 and closes on 12th November 2026

Responses must be received before the closing date and should be sent to.

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Comments can also be made directly to the Local Authority using the link below:

<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/consultation-for-schools-reducing-pan?preview=true>

The proposed reduction would apply to children applying for admission in September 2028 and would not affect pupils who are already attending the school. It would also not affect year groups that have already been admitted under the existing admission arrangements.

Responses must be received by Wednesday, 3rd February 2027 and should be sent to:

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