



WATTON AT STONE PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

In a recent newsletter Mrs Hussain informed you that Hertfordshire County Council is proposing to reduce our Published Admission Number (PAN) with effect from September 2019 and that they have opened a consultation survey seeking comments. Our current PAN is 34 and the proposal is to reduce it to 30.

Legally we cannot have class sizes of greater than 30 children in Reception or Years 1 and 2, so having a PAN of 34 means that we have to have a mixed class somewhere in that age range. As the curriculum is very different in the Reception year we choose to have the mixed class comprising both Year 1 and Year 2 children.

The original request for the reduction came from the governors of the school and it has taken us over 2 years to get County to agree so we are very keen that it gets approved. The reduction will not affect our capacity to admit the children who live in the village or the surrounding area as at the present time over 20% of our current children on roll come from outside our area.

The consultation period ends on 5th January 2018 and the governors are asking you to support the proposal by responding to the consultation using the following link:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/consultations/schools/admissions-arrangements-for-2019-20.aspx#>

It's a fairly simple survey and will only take a couple of minutes to complete.

We are very grateful for your continued support. We hope you and your families have a very Happy Christmas.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely

Charles Clark
Chair of Governors