

Consultation on proposal to lower the Published Admission Number (PAN) of Mounts Bay Academy

In accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021, Leading Edge Academies Partnership, in conjunction with the senior leadership of Mounts Bay Academy, is consulting on a proposal to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) of Mounts Bay Academy.

The Published Admission Number (PAN) is the number of pupils a school admits at its normal admissions point, which for Mounts Bay Academy is Year 7. The current PAN for admissions to Year 7 is 210. The proposal is to reduce this to 195 from September 2026.

Population forecasts provided by Cornwall Council show that there are falling numbers of secondary aged pupils in the Mounts Bay Academy admissions area and so the number of children coming into Year 7 is likely to reduce over the coming years. The proposed reduction in the school's PAN will allow the school to organize its provision to better reflect the likely future demand for places and enable the most effective and efficient provision of education. It will also overcome some of the challenges presented by the school operating at or above full capacity in recent years.

Where schools are oversubscribed, it is still possible to admit pupils above PAN. Should the proposal to reduce the PAN go ahead, Mounts Bay Academy may still admit above PAN to meet demand for places where this will have no adverse impact on the provision of high-quality education.

Other than the reduction in PAN there are no other proposed changes to the school's admission arrangements and the oversubscription criteria will remain the same.

A consultation on the proposal will run from Friday 6th December 2024 until Friday 24th January 2025. A copy of this consultation letter, alongside a copy of the proposed new admission arrangements, is available on the Mounts Bay Academy website at www.mountsbay.org

If you would like to make a comment on the proposal you can:

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All comments must be received by Friday 24th January 2025.

Leading Edge Academies Partnership will make a decision on the proposal by 28th February 2025 and the final admission arrangements will be published on the Mounts Bay Academy website by 15th March 2025.