

25th November 2020

Consultation on One Form Entry at Bovington Academy from September 2022

In accordance with the Schools Admissions Code, Bovington Academy would like to consult with you on the proposed changes to its Admissions Policy for 2022/23. Admission authorities may propose variations where they consider such changes to be necessary in view of a major change in circumstances. Bovington Academy, as the admissions authority, is seeking comments on the proposed change detailed below.

The Process

The consultation will last for 6 weeks (excluding the Christmas break) from Wednesday 25th November 2020 to 4pm on Friday 15th January 2021.

We are consulting with the following groups:

- Parents and carers in the area
- The wider community including local councils
- The education local authorities
- Schools in the area

The groups are being consulted in the following way:

1. Statutory Notice placed on the academy website and the website of the Aspirations Academies Trust.
2. Letters will be sent to all head teachers within the immediate locality of the academy.
3. Letters will also be sent to the education department of Dorset council.

The Proposal

Bovington Academy is proposing to move to reduce the published admission number of the school from 45 to 30 with effect from **1st September 2022**. We are not anticipating any other changes to our admissions policy. This proposal is being considered due to the following determining factors;

- Reduced need for required places
- A large portion of funding received by schools is directly related to the number of pupils attending the school
- Too many vacancies mean the school will not receive the maximum revenue possible, putting a strain on school budgets and spending
- A falling demand for primary school places in the area as a result all year groups are currently under PAN
- The total number of pupils for Reception to Year 6 recorded by the school at the last Census was 240, well below the current capacity of 315.

With the challenging financial and educational environment (Ofsted Inadequate), it is essential that we can offer stability in class structure, curriculum planning and staffing levels going forward.

How to Respond

This consultation will run from **Wednesday 25th November 2020 to Friday 15th January 2021** and you are invited to submit comments in writing to:

Email: Claire Woodward via consultation@bovington-aspirations.org

You can find full details and download our Admissions Policy here: <https://www.bovington-aspirations.org/>