

Great Crosby Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Consultation on a proposed reduction in the published admission number for Great Crosby Catholic Primary School, the Northern Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 2RQ with effect from September 2025.

Background

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for September 2025 is 120. This means that the number of children admitted into the school at Reception each year is limited to 120. Reducing the PAN to 90 will assist the Governing Body in their long-term planning (while reflecting the contemporary legislation on infant class sizes) and continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers living in the school's designated parishes of SS Peter and Paul and St Helen's.

Although the Regulations and Code of Practice relating to school admissions no longer require an admissions authority to consult when maintaining or increasing a school's PAN, there remains a requirement to consult when the proposal is to reduce a PAN. The school's Governing Body, as the admissions authority, is seeking comments on the proposed change.

Specific Proposal

The Governing Body propose to reduce the published admission number of the school from 120 to 90 with effect from September 2025.

This means that the number of places available for children in Reception in 2025 – and all subsequent cohorts – will be 90. For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change; the admission number for all other years remain at the previous planned admission number.

Factors that have been considered by the Governing Body in deciding to consult on this proposal include:

- The continued ability of the school to provide sufficient places for baptised Catholic children in the school's designated parishes
- The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils
- Future resource planning and management
- The capacity and organisation of the school building.

How to Respond

This consultation will run from 7th December 2023 until 26th January 2024 and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to:

The Archdiocese of Liverpool, Education Department, St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, L17 1AA. Please mark all correspondence for the attention of Michael Boland.

Comments should also be copied to the Chair of Governing Body at the school address.

Alternatively, you may wish to e-mail: aes@rcaol.org.uk.

OR

Here is the link to the consultations page on the Archdiocese website:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/department/education/admissions-and-appeals

Please submit any comments no later than 26th January 2024. Following the consultation period, the Governing Body will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Admission arrangements for 2025 will be determined by 28th February 2024 and any subsequent objections will need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator by 15th May 2024.

Kind regards

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Jas Samra

Acting Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body