



## Consultation to reduce PAN from September 2021

### 1. Background

1.1 The currently Published Admission Number (PAN) for Sir Martin Frobisher Academy is 45. This means that the number of pupils admitted into the school in Reception is limited to 45. In 2019 admissions were 24.

1.2 Reducing the PAN will assist the Governing Body in providing stability to their long-term planning while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers living in the surrounding area and attending one of the local primary schools.

1.3 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. Sir Martin Frobisher Academy is part of the Reach2 Academy Trust and the school's Local Governing Body, as the admissions authority, is seeking comments on the proposed change.

### 2. Specific Proposal

2.1 The Governing Body propose to reduce the Published Admission Number of the school from 45 to 30 with effect from September 2021.

2.2 This means that the number of places available for children in Reception in 2021 – and all subsequent Reception cohorts – will be 30. 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 30 as they progress through the academy. This is the only proposed change to the admission criteria; all other criteria, including oversubscription, will remain the same.

2.3 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 local children
- The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils thus facilitating continuing school improvement
- Future resource planning and management
- The capacity of the school resources management will be more effective

2.4 Sir Martin Frobisher Academy would be committed to reviewing the Pupil Admissions Numbers if the local demographic and context dictates a need for this in the future.



### **3. Who is being consulted?**

3.1 This consultation is for the specific attention of:

- Parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen
- Other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed admissions
- All other admission authorities within the local area
- The local authority
- Adjoining neighbouring local authorities

### **4. How to respond**

4.1 This consultation will run until Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. You are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above through the admissions consultation survey, any queries about the proposal can be submitted to Sir Martin Frobisher Academy via [Frobisher.admin@smfa.org.uk](mailto:Frobisher.admin@smfa.org.uk) or to Mrs Debbie Gayler (Executive Headteacher) c/o Sir Martin Frobisher Academy, Frobisher Drive, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 2QH

4.2 Following the consultation period the Governing Body will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Admissions arrangements for September 2021 will be determined by 28th February 2020 and any subsequent objections.