

23rd October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer/Colleague,

**Consultation on admission arrangements for 2027/28 (2026 determination year)**

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on St Benet's MAT's admissions policy. The consultation period will run from **31 October 2025** until **14 December 2025**; during this time, members of our community are invited to express their views and any concerns about the proposed changes to the admission arrangements.

In accordance with the DfE's 2021 statutory 'School Admissions Code' guidance, as an admissions authority we must consult on our admission arrangements at least once every seven years, and when changes are made, other than rolling forward dates and deadlines for the admissions process. You can see the proposed admissions policy online at [www.stbenets.org](http://www.stbenets.org) including a list of the proposed changes.

In accordance with the DfE's 2021 statutory 'School Admissions Code' guidance, as an academy we must also consult if we wish to reduce the PAN (Planned or Published Admission Number) of an academy. The PAN is the maximum admission number for the academy. A list of proposed PAN reductions in St Benet's MAT academies is included with this letter and can be viewed online at [www.stbenets.org](http://www.stbenets.org).

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for six weeks and, as an interested party at a St Benet's MAT academy, we are keen to hear your views on the proposed changes; therefore, we invite you to participate in the consultation if you have any concerns regarding the matter.

All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted **before midnight on 14 December 2025** to:

Hannah Monk, Head of Governance: [hannah.monk@donesc.org](mailto:hannah.monk@donesc.org)

Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address and relationship to the school.

At the end of the consultation period, the Trust will consider the responses. The outcome of the consultation will be published on the Trust website as soon as possible following a decision being reached by the Trust. Hard copies will be made available on request to all respondents of the consultation.

If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact Hannah Monk, Head of Governance on [hannah.monk@donesc.org](mailto:hannah.monk@donesc.org)

Yours sincerely,



**Sam Nixon**  
Chief Executive Officer



School name	School First Admission Year	Current PAN	Proposed PAN
Acle Church of England Primary Academy	Reception	30	No Change
Alburgh-with-Denton Church of England Primary Academy	Reception	15	No Change
Catfield Church of England Primary Academy	Reception	10	No Change
Dickleburgh Church of England Primary Academy & Pre-School	Reception	30	No Change
Diss Church of England Junior Academy	Year 3	45	No Change
Diss Infant Academy & Nursery	Reception	45	30
Garboldisham Church of England Primary Academy	Reception	15	No Change
Happisburgh Church of England Primary Academy	Reception	16	No Change
Harleston Sancroft Academy	Reception & Year 7	60 / 100	No Change
Hickling Church of England Infant Academy	Reception	8	No Change
Little Plumstead Church of England Primary Academy	Reception	30	No Change
Morley Church of England Primary Academy	Reception	20	No Change
Newton Flotman Church of England Primary Academy	Reception	15	No Change
Pulham Church of England Primary Academy	Reception	15	No Change
Scole Church of England Primary Academy	Reception	15	No Change
St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy	Year 3	60	45
St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy & Nursery	Reception	15	No Change
Sutton Church of England Infant Academy	Reception	15	No Change
Tacolneston Church of England Primary Academy	Reception	15	No Change