



ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer/Stakeholder

Amendment of Published Admissions Number (PAN) for English Martyrs' RC Primary School

The Governing Body (as the admission authority) for English Martyrs' RC Primary School are consulting on an in year variation to the admission arrangements for 2022/23. This proposal is part of a wider undertaking by Southwark council to right size Published Admissions Numbers ("PANs"), due to falling rolls across the borough. The "PAN" is the maximum number of pupils that the admission authority will admit to reception each year. English Martyrs' RC Primary School is located on Flint Street, SE17 1RB, within the London Borough of Southwark.

The Local Authority is proposing to decrease the schools published admission number for the academic year 2022/23.

In accordance with the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012, Southwark Local Authority is consulting on a proposal to decrease the Published Admission Number (PAN) for the 2022/23 academic year, from the current PAN of **60** pupils to a new PAN of **30** pupils for 2022/23. This would apply to each reception intake from 2022 onwards, and not to children already in existing classes in the school.

Over the past 10 years the number of pupils starting in the Reception year at English Martyrs' RC Primary School has consistently reduced by approximately 40%. In September 2010, 60 pupils started the reception class and this reduced to 49 admissions by September 2015. The admission to Reception number has continued to fall and by September 2021 the school has only filled 35 out of 60 Reception places available. Overall school numbers (across all year groups) have fallen from 412 in September 2012, to around 300 presently - a drop of over 25%.

We believe it is unlikely that the school will fill to 60 in the near future based on population data available. The proposal to reduce the PAN would ensure that the school had a stable number of pupils attending the school, and that local provision is the right size to meet demand. As such, we are seeking this in-year variation that will see the reception number for English Martyrs' RC Primary School reduced from **60** to **30** from September 2022 onwards. This also fits in with a commitment from the Education Commission of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Southwark and London Borough of Southwark to reduce overcapacity in the primary sector.



The reduction of the reception number for English Martyrs RC Primary School will not lead to a shortage of school places at other primary schools, academies and educational institutions in the locality. Within 0.75 miles of the school, there are 720 reception places available, of which only 574 are filled - 146 places remain unfilled. Southwark council officers have confirmed that there are sufficient places available at other schools within the area that can accommodate any in-year demand for a school place.

Your views on the proposal to reduce the PAN at English Martyrs' RC Primary School from 60 to 30 from September 2022 onwards are important to us. The Governing Body want to hear the views of everyone who feels they might be affected by this proposed reduction to the PAN and therefore we are consulting with parents, carers, governors, local councillors, surrounding local authorities and other stakeholders.

You can provide any comments by:

- *Email to the Chair of Governors - pgillespie@emps.school*
- *Writing to the Chair of Governors at: English Martyrs RC Primary School, Flint St, London SE17 1RB*

The consultation period is the 25th October 2021 to the 6th December 2021.

Southwark Council will be acting on behalf of the Governing Body at English Martyrs' RC Primary School and all comments received will be collated and presented to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator (OSA) for approval to amend the PAN from 60 to 30 September 2022 onwards.

Yours sincerely



Patrick Gillespie
Chair of the Governing Body of
English Martyrs' Roman Catholic Primary School