

26th September 2023

Dear parents and carers

Firstly, I would like to share the date of Wednesday 11th October 2023, which is our Open evening for transition into year R, year 3 and year 7. The school will be open for all pupils and their families to attend. This evening will include introductory talks by me, the headteacher, tours of the school's brilliant facilities, meeting and greeting our amazing student ambassadors and opportunities to speak to a variety of staff.

Secondly, we are currently working with Portsmouth City Council to seek agreement from the Schools Adjudicator to change our admissions for children for Reception and Year 3 for the September 2024/25 school year.

The reason for this is because our school had been completely rebuilt to a DFE specification for an overall capacity of 1420. Our pupil numbers are above this, which has limited our capacity in primary. The reductions in numbers are to assist the school in managing our overall numbers back down to the capacity of the new school.

So that it doesn't impact on the children already in the school, we are proposing to reduce the number admitted into Reception from 60 to 30 for a temporary two-year period covering admissions in the 2024/25 and 2025/26 school years. We are also planning to stop admitting the additional 30 children who currently join the school at Year 3 on a permanent basis. No changes are proposed to the secondary admission numbers so this will not impact on the intake into Year 7.

Whilst this is a change from previous admissions, this will allow us to rapidly reduce our primary school pupil numbers and enable us to be able to support our primary children in the way that we intend, for example, it will mean increased space for interventions.

I look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our Open Evening.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr Howard
Headteacher

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Headteacher, Mr. Ashley Howard