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**THE MILTON
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Dear Parent / Carer

The Milton Keynes Academy (MKA): Proposal document to reduce the Published Admission Number

The Trust and the Leadership Team of The Milton Keynes Academy propose to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for new Year 7 pupils from 240 to 210, to take effect from September 2022.

The proposed change will help our school effectively focus its learning and teaching resources to significantly improve the education offered at MKA. The Trust and staff are working hard to continue to improve the outcomes of all our pupils and feel strongly that the proposed reduction will benefit future outcomes for our young learners, whilst still enabling us to meet the demand of places.

In the last two years, The Milton Keynes Academy has had a temporary PAN of 270 (240 + 30) to support the Local Authority with a shortage of places in Central Milton Keynes. We have engaged with the School Place Planning Team to understand the future projected pupil numbers within Milton Keynes and they have confirmed they will still meet their planned requirements once this proposed change has been made.

There will be no other changes to the admission arrangements. The proposed change will not affect the current pupils or those who choose to accept an offer for a Year 7 place in September 2021. All current and future parents and any other interested stakeholders can make comments on this proposal, information on how you can do this is detailed at the end of this letter, under the section titled "How to make your views known".

Background

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for MKA is 240. Reducing the PAN will assist the Trust to provide stability in its long-term planning and allow the school to secure high-quality educational outcomes for the pupils currently on our roll, while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers in line with demand in the Milton Keynes area. Although the Regulations and Code of Practice relating to school admissions no longer require an



admissions authority to consult when maintaining or increasing a schools PAN, there remains a requirement to consult when the proposal is to reduce. Creative Education Trust, as the admissions authority for MKA, is seeking comments on the proposed change.

Specific Proposal

The Trust proposes to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 240 to 210 with effect from September 2022. This means that the number of school places for pupils wishing to request a place to attend MKA in Year 7 in 2022 will be 210, as will all subsequent Year 7 cohorts thereafter. For pupils who already have a place at MKA in other year groups, there will be no change. This is the only proposed change to the admissions criteria; all other criteria will remain the same.

It is important to the Creative Education Trust Board and our Academy Council, to consider the views of our parents and the wider community. If you would like to contribute to the consultation, please complete the Stakeholder Response Form available on our website.

How to make your views known

The consultation will run from 14 December 2020 until 25 January 2021. All stakeholders are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal to:

PAN Consultation
The Milton Keynes Academy
Fulwoods Drive
Leadenhall
Milton Keynes
MK6 5LA

Or email to: info@miltonkeynesacademy.org.uk (title email PAN Consultation MKA)

For the duration of the consultation the MKA website will display the following documents:

- Proposed new Admissions Statement
- Admissions Statement (Sept 2021)
- Current Admissions Statement (Sept 2020)
- Stakeholder Response Form
- Stakeholder letter

School website: www.miltonkeynesacademy.org.uk
School email: info@miltonkeynesacademy.org.uk



Stakeholders are deemed to be:

- Parents and careers of children aged between 2 and 18 years of age
- All other admission authorities within the relevant area
- Milton Keynes Education Authority
- Any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority
- Other persons in the local area who may have an interest in the proposed new arrangements

As set out in the Schools Admission Code, we are entering into a 6-week statutory consultation. Following the consultation Trustees shall apply to the Regional Schools Commissioner to make a decision, on behalf of the Secretary of State. Further information about the Creative Education Trust can be found at: <https://www.creativeeducationtrust.org.uk>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Seddon'.

Fiona Seddon

Principal, on behalf of the Creative Education Trust