

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

Consultation on changing the Published Admission Number for the 2024-25 school year.

Anglian Learning Trust, as the admission authority for Linton Village College, is consulting on a proposed change of the Published Admission Number (the PAN) for the September 2024 school year, from 165 to 150. This proposal is being made to align the PAN closer to the forecast demand for places in the catchment area.

The consultation process allows any concerns, or comments, about these changes to be raised. **Your views are now sought on these proposals.**

The consultation period is taking place over the period starting on **21st November 2022** and **closing on 20th January 2023.**

At the end of the consultation period, decisions will be made based on the responses and the arrangements will be 'determined' by the Trustees as required by section 1:49 of the School Admission Code 2021.

The agreed admission arrangements will be determined by 28th February 2023 and published by 15th March 2023, for the September 2024 school intake.

This consultation seeks your views and comments which can be submitted by email to ask@lintonvc.org or in writing to the school office, or directly to: -

Anglian Learning, Bottisham Village College, Lode Road, Bottisham, Cambridge, CB25 9DL

Anticipated questions and answers in response to the proposal to reduce LVC's Published Admission Number from 165 to 150

Q: What is wrong with keeping the PAN at 165?

A: LVC's historic Pupil Admission Number of 165 is awkward as it falls between 150 (representing a five-form entry) and 180 (representing a six-form entry). Traditionally, we have been oversubscribed and able to admit up to 180 students in each year group, therefore 'filling up' the spaces. However, in recent years, due to a decrease in the number of secondary school age children living in our catchment area, plus other factors, including the transport cost/challenges from out of catchment areas, application numbers have fallen.

Q: Why not increase the PAN to 180 instead?

A: Recent application numbers and demographic forecast figures indicate that there is not a basic need for school places in our catchment area to justify increasing our PAN, even factoring in local building developments. Doing so would require us to attract more students from out of catchment areas, impacting on neighbouring schools' catchments. It is unlikely that we would be able to secure 180 students each year to require a six-form entry structure.

Q: Why does the College need to make this change?

A: At present, we only have 147 students in our current Year 8 cohort and 168 students in our current Year 7. This is lower than in older year groups which accommodate 170-180 students. Over the coming years, the demographic forecast figures from the Local Authority indicate that we only expect to have around 100-125 Year 6 age children living in our catchment area. This means that there is a risk that we won't be able to recruit 165 students to achieve our PAN and it is unlikely that we will be able to attract 180 students to 'fill' a 6-form entry admissions model.

Q: How will this change impact on families who live out of our catchment area?

A: Oversubscription criteria will remain in place (see below). If we were to receive more first-place applications than our PAN, as is currently the case, the criteria listed below would be applied to determine which applications are successful, in priority order. This criterion applies to all year groups of the school.

Q: What are the chances of my child getting into LVC?

A: Over the last couple of years, all first-place applications have been offered a place at the College. Prior to this, we held a waiting list of up to 30 children. Based on current application numbers and forecast figures, we anticipate that a reduction in the PAN from 2024 may lead to around 15 Year 6 students outside of our catchment area not being able to secure a place at the College. In line with the oversubscription criteria, this is most likely to affect children who live the furthest away, who don't attend a feeder primary school and don't have a sibling attending LVC. As is already the case, in-year applications may not be successful if the College is at capacity in the year group. Waiting lists and the appeals process will remain.

Q: What are the benefits of moving to a PAN of 150 students?

A: It is important to be able to structure the school with certainty regarding student numbers. If the College's curriculum and staffing model continues to be based on 180 students but admits around 165 students or fewer, this has significant implications for the budget. At a time when cost challenges are being felt acutely, it is necessary to achieve greater certainty in our budget to be able to assure quality of education.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

The criteria in this section apply to entry at all year groups of the school from September 2023.

Any child with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) naming the school will be admitted regardless of numbers.

The remaining places will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Children In Care*, sometimes known as Looked After Children*, and previously Looked After Children.
2. Children who live in our catchment, who attend one of our feeder* schools, and who have a sibling* already here.
3. Children who live in our catchment, and who have a sibling already here.
4. Children who live in our catchment and attend one of our feeder schools.
5. All other children who live in our catchment.
6. Children of school staff members*.
7. Children who live outside our catchment but attend one of our feeders and already have a sibling here.
8. Children who live outside our catchment but have a sibling here.
9. Children who live outside our catchment but attend one of our feeder schools.
10. Any other children, ranked according to distance*.

For Years 8 to 11, the PAN is also 165. If a place becomes available it will be offered to the child at the top of the reserve list for the year group or, if no reserve list exists, the place will be offered to the first child for whom an application is received.

Feeder schools are the primary schools within our catchment with whom we have strong links. They are: Burrough Green, Castle Camps, Great Abington, Linton Heights Junior and The Meadow Primary School.

Further information about our current admission process can be found on the College website: <https://lvc.org/admissions/>