

Hinchingbrooke School

Pupil admission number increase from September 2021

The Board of the ACES Academies Trust have decided to increase the pupil admission number at Hinchingbrooke School with effect from September 2021. The current pupil admission number is 300 in each year group; from September 2021, this will increase to 350 in each new year group.

Who will this increase affect?

This increase applies to the Year 7 cohort that will start at Hinchingbrooke in September 2021 and to subsequent year groups (that is, pupils who are currently in Year 6 and in the years below in Primary schools); the change **does not** apply to the current Years 7 to 11 at Hinchingbrooke; the pupil admission number of those year groups will not change as a result of this decision.

Why have we made this decision?

Schools receive almost all their funding each year based on the number of pupils who attend the school. School funding is always tight and increasing the number of pupils attending the school will result in much-needed additional funding that will help the school to manage its budget over the coming years.

The school is also oversubscribed each year – this means that it receives far more applications for places in Year 7 than it can accommodate. This increase will mean that an additional 50 families will be able to secure a place in Year 7 at the school in September 2021, and in subsequent Year 7s, subject to annual review of the pupil admission number by the ACES Trust Board.

Can the school cope with the additional pupils?

The school is confident that it can. It will require some additional teachers and teaching spaces over time, and it will need to review its practical arrangements for issues such as catering at break and lunchtime, pupil movement around the site, the provision of facilities such as bike racks, toilets etc...; making the decision to increase the pupil admission number now provides time to make plans.

Is this increase permanent?

We have decided to increase the pupil admission number from September 2021. Whilst the current assumption (for budget and staffing purposes, for example) is that the increase will continue in subsequent years, the ACES Trust Board will review the school's pupil admission number each year, and it reserves the right to change its pupil admission number in the future if that is deemed to be in the best interests of the school.

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