

## **Ormesby Primary School – Reduction in PAN Consultation**

Ormesby Primary School is engaging in consultations with its stakeholders to discuss a proposed reduction in its published admission number, aiming to decrease it to 30 for our reception class starting in September 2025. This adjustment is crucial for achieving optimal conditions in meeting pupils' needs, serving the community, and utilising funding effectively. The Ironstone Academy Trust, Ormesby Local Governing Body, the Chief Executive Officer, and the school's Head Teacher have collectively determined that reducing the published admission number is the best course of action to fulfil these goals.

One primary factor motivating this reduction is the legal requirement stipulating that classes in key stage 1 must not exceed 30 pupils per one fully qualified teacher. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, we lack the flexibility to increase the number of teachers to accommodate figures exceeding 30 or facilitate smaller class sizes. The absence of full year groups across the school also poses staffing challenges.

Furthermore, surpassing 30 pupils may impede students' learning experiences. Teachers face limitations in providing tailored support or guidance, hindering the ability to stretch, extend, and support pupils adequately. Larger class sizes can also restrict educational achievements by limiting the capacity to address diverse needs and abilities effectively.

In light of these considerations, we believe that 30 is the optimal number for maximising pupils' achievement and enjoyment of learning. This approach allows us to leverage the skills of our teaching and support staff effectively while ensuring the best value for the funding we receive.

Importantly, the proposed change will not impact existing students at the school. For classes currently exceeding 30 pupils at Key Stage 2, we will continue to enhance their learning and achievement by reducing group sizes, utilising available physical and human resources to their fullest extent.

### **4. Consultation:**

Consultation start date: 13.12.23

Consultation end date: 24.01.24

Responses can be made in writing to [office@ormesby.org.uk](mailto:office@ormesby.org.uk) or over the phone to Ormesby Primary School's office on 01642 314430