



**Worcestershire Children First Consultation on Admission Arrangements for  
2025/2026 Academic Year  
Grove Primary School Malvern**

**Consultation**

Worcestershire Children First is undertaking a consultation relating to our admission arrangements for the 2025/26 academic year. As required by the School Admissions Code, admission authorities must consult on their proposed admissions arrangements for 2025 entry for a period of 6 weeks, between 01 October 2023 and 31 January 2024.

The consultation period will run from **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

**Determination**

Following the consultation period, the arrangements will then be considered by the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education, before being determined by the deadline of 28 February 2024 (as required by the School Admissions Code).

Once the arrangements have been determined, they will be published on the website, by the deadline of 15 March 2024.

**Proposed Change**

Worcestershire Children First are now consulting on a proposed Published Admission Number (PAN) reduction at **Grove Primary School in Malvern**.

The proposal is to reduce the Published Admission Number for the school from 30 to 15, with effect from September 2025

The change proposed will support the long-term financial planning of the school. The reasons for this are:

- There are surplus primary school places across Malvern town until at least 2029. The Local Authority has been reviewing the longer-term demand for places against expected housing growth to determine what options are appropriate to reduce the surplus places in the short and medium term whilst monitoring the progress of housing developments planned.
- The Grove Primary school currently has a PAN of 30 places per year group, but due to pupil numbers across Malvern being low and parental preferences, has some year groups with numbers as low as 15.
- The Local Authority invited all Malvern Schools to consider options to reduce the surplus across the area and ensure all schools remain sustainable longer term.
- The Grove currently operates over an Infant and Junior site, and the reduction in PAN will enable the statutory school age provision to operate from one site.
- The Governing Body are supportive of consulting on a PAN reduction from 30 to 15.

## **Comments and Feedback**

Any comments or feedback on the proposed PAN reduction, should be sent by e-mail to [ataylor4@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:ataylor4@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk)

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