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Dear Sir / Madam,

Admission Policy for Gnosall St Lawrence Primary Academy (Part of the St Bartholomew's CE MAT)

In accordance with the School Admission Regulations and the School Admissions Code, the St Bartholomew's CE MAT is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for 2027-28 for Gnosall St Lawrence CE Primary Academy.

Your opinions are important to us, and we are keen to receive your comments on our admission arrangements before they are formally approved.

St Bartholomew's CE MAT proposes that that pupil admission number (PAN) for Gnosall St Lawrence Primary Academy be reduced from 45 to 30 from September 2027. This means that the number of places available for children in Reception in September 2027 and all subsequent Reception cohorts will be 30. For children who already have a place in the school, the year groups will not change.

This is the only proposed change to the admission criteria; all other criteria will remain the same.

Rationale

The following factors have been considered by the Trust and Gnosall St Lawrence CE Primary Academy when deciding to consult on this proposal:

- There is a decreasing birth rate in the local catchment area.
- Reducing the PAN will ensure the maximum possible revenue will be received for each cohort and our resources are used more effectively across the school.
- The total number of pupils from Reception to Year 6 recorded in the October 2025 census was 271, which is below the current capacity of 315.
- Funding is largely related to the number of pupils on roll and vacancies in classes result in a negative impact on the school budget. With a PAN of 30, all spaces in a class will be filled and the school can operate more efficiently and cost effectively, giving every single pupil the best possible education.
- Reducing the PAN will assist the school in providing stability in long term planning and allow high quality educational outcomes for pupils.

In accordance with the school admissions regulations, the school is consulting with key stakeholders including:

- Parents/carers of pupils and prospective parents.
- Other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed arrangements
- The local authority
- Other local schools

A full copy of the proposed admission arrangements are available on the school website.



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You are invited to have your say on the proposed Admission Arrangements and comments can be made via email to Sally Nutt, Executive Personal Assistant to the CEO at snutt@stbartsmat.co.uk. You may alternatively complete the following [Survey](#) or send your comments by post to:

Sally Nutt, Executive Personal Assistant to the CEO, Woodfield Primary School, Woodfield Avenue, Penn, Wolverhampton, WV4 4AG.

The consultation runs from 12 November 2025 at 5:00pm until 9 January 2026 at 12:00pm. Any comments must be received by 12:00pm on 9 January 2026 at which point the consultation process will end.

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Pithers
Chair of Trust Board