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Dear Parents/Careers

As I shared with you earlier this academic year, we are looking forward to exciting developments for our school with building work due to commence in the new year. This is with a view to increasing the space available to our school, which I know you will welcome and has been long been desired.

The extra classrooms will enable school to:

- replace the current mobile classroom,
- replace two very small classrooms (once courtyards) with full size rooms
- replace an existing classroom to enable the expansion of the hall
- added a further classroom in anticipation of expansion required to accommodate the extra housing development already agreed for Snaith.

With this in mind we are also seeking to increase our Pupil Admission Numbers for Reception for the academic 2024/25 from 40 to 45.

In order to do this however, there needs to be a public consultation and we ask that you support school and the governing body as they seek to future proof the success of our school. Snaith Primary School is already over subscribed and the increase will enable us to meet the needs of our growing community.

Please click on the link below to participate in the consultation survey:

[Schools Admissions Consultation 2024-2025 \(eastriding.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/schools-admissions-consultation-2024-2025)

We thank you in advance for your support.

Consultation Summary Overview for Snaith Primary School

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What change is being proposed?

The governing body of the school requested that the admission number for the school is increased from 40 to 45 for the Reception year group for the start of the 2024-25 school year.

What reasons have the school given for the change?

- the school currently has 306 children on roll, much greater than the 280 places that a PAN of 40 suggests, with 51 children in the largest year group at present;



- there is a considerable amount of housing development taking place within the catchment area of the school and a PAN of 40 is no longer adequate to accommodate catchment demand; and
- planning permission is currently being sought to increase the physical size of the school by building new classrooms and associated toilets. This would allow the admission of 45 pupils on a sustainable basis.

What other information is available about this change?

- the proposed admission number enables the straightforward organisation of classes. The infant class size limit of 30 children per fully qualified teacher for reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils means that an admission number of 45, after the Reception year, can be mixed across year 1 and year 2 into three classes of 30. This is more appropriate than an admission number of 40 that requires children of Reception age to be mixed with children of Year 1 age;
- the net capacity figure of the school is expected to be at least 315 with an admission number of 45. This is sufficient physical space for the change on a sustainable basis as well as providing some additional space for future growth;
- if the school requires any additional staffing to accommodate the increased number of children, this would be funded from the increase to the budget due to an increase of pupils on roll;
- the school's finances would be supported by the admission of approximately 45 children per year in full classes given the fixed costs of teaching staff per class;
- the school has seen demand for places where the school has been named as a 1st, 2nd or 3rd preference to be around 45 families in recent years; and
- the school would likely grow from the bottom up in order to not create additional school places in year groups at present where those spaces may affect other existing classes at local schools, though these decisions would be undertaken with officers to manage any growth.

Please also see below:

school admission arrangements for the 2024-25 school year website statement Snaith Primary School

As a community school, the admission authority for Snaith Primary School is East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Each year admission authorities review the admission arrangements for their schools, and then formally set – or ‘determine’ – these arrangements. Admission arrangements include the number of places made available for Reception – called the published admission number – as well as how preferences for places will be considered if there are more preferences than places available – called the oversubscription criteria. Together these details are sometimes known as the ‘admissions policy’.

If an admission authority wants to make any changes to their admission arrangements, the admission authority must consult on any proposed changes to those arrangements before determining the arrangements. Even where changes are not proposed, a consultation must take place at least every seven years.



As some changes are proposed this year, between Wednesday 2 November and Wednesday 14 December, the Council is consulting on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for the 2024-25 school year. All these draft arrangements are available online at:

[School admission arrangements for 2024-25 \(eastriding.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastriding.gov.uk)

Whilst the vast majority of the admission arrangements for 2024-25 are procedurally identical to those for previous years, eight schools, including Snaith Primary School, have requested a change to their admission number for the start of the 2024-25 school year.

The change proposed at Snaith Primary School is to increase the admission number from 40 to 45. If approved, this change would not come into force for the year group starting in September 2023, but only from September 2024.

During this period the Council are interested in the views of any residents, schools, parents/carers or other interested parties, and would ask that all views be expressed via the online survey accessible from the page link at the top of this letter.

Kindest Regards
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