



## **Consultation on a proposed reduction in the Published Admission Number for Reddish Vale High School with effect from September 2023**

### **Background**

The currently Published Admission Number (PAN) for Reddish Vale High School is 270. This means that the maximum number of pupils admitted into the school at Year 7 is limited to 270. The number who have been admitted into Year 7, given as an average of the past 5 admission rounds is 193. The most students admitted in one admission round, during the past 5 years, is 210.

Analysis of previous entry patterns from local Primary Schools, alongside current numbers on roll in those schools, indicate that expressed preferences for a place at Reddish Vale will not exceed 210 in the next 5 years. This is supported by Stockport LA school level estimates.

Reducing the PAN will assist the Governing Body in providing stability to their long-term planning, to further invest in an outstanding learning environment for current and future students, while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers living in the surrounding area and attending a local primary school.

Although the Regulations and Code of Practice relating to school admissions no longer require an admissions authority to consult when maintaining or increasing a school's PAN, there remains a requirement to consult when the proposal is to reduce a PAN. Reddish Vale High School is part of the South Manchester Learning Trust and the Trust Board, as the admissions authority, is seeking comments on the proposed change.

### **Specific Proposal**

The Governing Trust Board propose to reduce the Published Admission Number of the school from 270 to 210 with effect from September 2023.

This means that the number of places available for children in Year 7 in 2023 – and all subsequent Year 7 cohorts – will be 210. For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change; the admission number for all other years remains at 270 as they progress through the academy. This is the only proposed change to the admission criteria; all other criteria, including oversubscription, will remain the same.

Factors that have been considered by the Governing Trust Board in deciding to consult on this proposal include:

- The continued ability of the school to provide sufficient places for local children.
- The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils, impacting on continuous school improvement.
- Future resource planning and management.
- The capacity and functionality of the school buildings and site that can be effectively managed and developed.

Reddish Vale High School would be committed to reviewing the Published Admission Number if the local demographic and context dictates a need for increased pupil places in the future.

**Who is being consulted?**

This consultation is for the specific attention of:

- Parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen
- Other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed admissions
- All other admission authorities within the local area
- The Local Authority
- Adjoining neighbouring local authorities

**How to respond**

This consultation will run from the 15th November 2021 to 17th January 2022. You are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to the Clerk to the Governing Trust Board at Reddish Vale High School via [v.deans@reddish.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:v.deans@reddish.stockport.sch.uk) Please send any comments by 18th January 2022.

Following this consultation the Governing Trust Board will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Admissions arrangements for September 2023 will be determined by 28th February 2022 and any subsequent objections will need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022.