



Send Church of England Primary School

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Update on School Admissions Arrangements for September 2027

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a period of formal consultation, the Governing Body has now formally determined the Admissions Policy for the 2027-2028 academic year. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the consultation process. Your feedback is vital in helping us shape a school that remains both financially stable and deeply rooted in our local community.

The Consultation Process

As our own Admissions Authority, we are required to consult the community when making significant changes to how we offer places. This process concluded on January 26th, 2026, and included a review of responses from parents, neighbors, and Surrey County Council.

Key Themes & Governor Responses

The consultation focused on two primary changes: the reduction of our Published Admission Number (PAN) and the update to our catchment area.

- **Reduction of PAN to 45:** Several parents raised questions about how a PAN of 45 would work in practice. We wish to clarify that this change creates three classes of 30 across two year groups (mixed-age), rather than one large class of 45. This structure allows us to maintain high educational standards through a rolling curriculum program that ensures no child repeats content.
- **Catchment Area Expansion:** In response to community feedback and historical links following the closure of Ripley C of E Primary, the Governors have officially included the Civil Parish of Ripley into our catchment area. This ensures that families in Ripley, who share our Christian ethos and have no Church school of their own, are formally recognised in our priority criteria.
- **Administrative Updates:** Following advice from the Local Authority, we have updated the Summer Born date ranges and clarified the priority order for children of staff to ensure the policy is technically robust.

You may be aware that our projected intake for September 2026 is looking positive, with **54 first-preference applications**. While we are delighted that so many families have chosen our wonderful school, Surrey data suggests that this increase in numbers may be due to a 'Post-Covid Bounce' and the data for the local area shows a significant fall in birth rates in following years.

By setting our official PAN at 45 for 2027, we are safeguarding the school's financial future against this predicted decline. However, the Governors wish to reassure parents that we retain the flexibility to offer over PAN in the future should parental preference remain

sustained. We will monitor these trends annually; if we see a long-term return to higher demand, we will look to revert to two full forms of entry (PAN 60).

The full Determined Admissions Policy 2027-2028, including the new catchment maps for Send and Ripley, is now available on our [school website](#).

Thank you for your continued support of Send CofE Primary School, where we strive to ensure "Everyone is Welcome."

Kind regards,



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