



Proposed Reduction of PAN from September 2027

The Local Governing Body of John Taylor Free School are consulting its stakeholders and partners on a proposed change to the admissions arrangements for September 2027.

Reason for the proposal

John Taylor Free School opened in September 2018 with a PAN of 210. This increased to 240 in September 2019. The school has had less than 240 for each Year 7 group for the last 3 years. There have only been 70 – 80 students in Year 7 living within the catchment area which is geographically very small. Even with the new housing being built around Branston Locks, it seems unlikely that the school will be able to fulfil a PAN of 240 year on year.

Current Criteria and Proposed Criteria

There are no plans to change the admissions criteria.

Proposal for Change of PAN

The consultation is proposing a reduction in PAN from 240 students to 210 students giving 7 classes of 30 students.

Process

This proposed change if approved, will become operational from September 2027. 210 students will be admitted to Year 7 from September 2027 onwards. Your opinions are important and we are keen to receive any comments on the proposal before the changes are agreed.

This consultation period opens on Monday 3rd November 2025 and ends on Friday 19th December 2025.

All responses will be considered between Monday 5th January 2026 and Friday 30th January 2026. Admission arrangements will be determined by 28th February 2026.

A copy of this document along with a copy of the draft policy is available on the school website (www.johntaylorfreeschool.co.uk) and Staffordshire County Council's admissions page (www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions).

In line with the Admissions Code, the following bodies have been consulted:

- All other admissions authorities within a two-mile radius of John Taylor Free School
- JTMAT primary schools
- JTMAT secondary schools
- Staffordshire County Council

- Derbyshire County Council.
- Local primary and secondary schools outside of JTMAT.

Notice has also been sent to the local library to advise that the consultation is being carried out.

In order to make your views known, please write to:

Consultation on Proposal to Reduce PAN

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