



The McAuley Catholic High School and Sixth Form

An 11 – 18 Voluntary Academy in the Diocese of Hallam

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Consultation on a proposed reduction in the Published Admission Number for The McAuley Catholic High School, with effect from September 2021

1. Background

1.1 The currently Published Admission Number (PAN) for The McAuley Catholic High School is 280. This means that the number of pupils admitted into the school at Year 7 is limited to 280. In September 2019 admissions were 235.

1.2 Reducing the PAN will assist the Governing Body in providing stability to their long-term planning while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers living in the surrounding area and attending one of the local primary schools.

1.3 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.

The McAuley Catholic High School is part of The Our Lady of Doncaster Trust and the school's Governing Body, as the admissions authority, is seeking comments on the proposed change.

2. Specific Proposal

2.1 The Governing Body propose to reduce the Published Admission Number of the school from 280 to 240 with effect from September 2021.

2.2 This means that the number of places available for children in Year 7 in 2021 – and all subsequent Year 7 cohorts – will be 240.

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 remain at 280 as they progress through the school. This is the only proposed change to the admission criteria; all other criteria, including oversubscription, will remain the same.

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

- The continued ability of the school to provide sufficient places for children from our Catholic feeder schools.

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- The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils thus facilitating continuing school improvement.
- Future resource planning and management.
- The capacity of the school buildings and site and resources management will be more effective.

2.4 The McAuley Catholic High School would be committed to reviewing the Pupil Admissions Numbers if the local demographic and context dictates a need for this in the future.

3. Who is being consulted?

3.1 This consultation is for the specific attention of:

- Catholic feeder schools to McAuley to include parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen including current parents of children who attend McAuley Catholic High School.
- The Diocese of Hallam
- All other relevant admission authorities within the local area
- The local authority
- Adjoining neighbouring local authorities
- Other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed admissions


4. How to respond

4.1 This consultation will run until Monday 31st January 2020. You are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above through the admissions consultation survey via the school website.

Any queries about the proposal can be submitted to The McAuley Catholic High School via consultation@mcauley.org.uk or to Joan Humphreys, c/o The McAuley Catholic High School, Cantley Lane, Doncaster, DN3 3QF.

4.2 Following the consultation period the Governing Body will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Admissions arrangements for September 2021 will be determined by 12th February 2020 and any subsequent objections will need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator by 1st May 2020.

Yours sincerely



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Consultation Response

We are proposing to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for The McAuley Catholic High School from 280 to 240 from September 2021.

1) Please tell us whether you support/do not support the proposal to reduce the School's PAN.

I support the proposed changes

I do not support the proposed changes

Not sure

I am not affected by/do not want to answer questions about this proposed change

2) If you do not support the proposed change, please tell us why:

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