



The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School

Reduction in Pupil Admission Numbers (PAN)

BHBS are looking to reduce their PAN with effect from September 2023. This decision has been made based on the following information:

Ofsted Inspection report July 2021; **Behaviour in lessons and around the school is good.**

Sustainability Plan undertaken August 21 by the Local Authority which confirms that the school can comfortably operate with 220 per year group.

Over the past 5 years the school has created an exemplary pastoral provision and whilst formulating this a number of specially resourced provisions have been created.

In terms of Health and Safety the lower PAN will allow students to remain safer on stairwells and in and around school. BHBS is an old building and some of the corridors are very narrow and cannot accommodate the larger PAN that is currently in place. The lower student numbers that BHBS had attracted in recent years has proved beneficial in terms of Health & Safety. The reduced PAN will also ensure teaching class numbers are reduced to enhance the learning environment.

With an expected rise in student numbers, to maintain a high standard of health & safety and behaviour around the building the proposed reduction in PAN is necessary.