

16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Stakeholders,

Cherry Tree Academy is consulting on a proposal to reduce its Planned Admission Number (PAN) from 45 to 30 pupils per year group, effective from the 2026/2027 academic year. This proposal is driven by several factors, including the current and forecasted pupil numbers, which consistently fall below the existing PAN, reflecting a broader trend of declining birth rates in the area.

Please find the attached consultation document detailing the rationale for this proposal, the expected benefits, and the potential impacts.

### Key Dates:

- Consultation Period Start Date: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- Consultation Period End Date: Midday on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Deadline for Feedback: Midday on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Feedback Process:

We invite you to share your views on the proposal. Feedback can be submitted via the following channels:

- Email: [cherrytreeoffice@watertonacademytrust.org](mailto:cherrytreeoffice@watertonacademytrust.org)
- Post: Cherry Tree Academy, Cobbler's Ln, Pontefract WF8 2HN

Your feedback will be reviewed by the Waterton Academy Trust board of trustees, and a final decision will be communicated after the consultation period. The decision will also be published on the school's website by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us via email or phone.

We greatly appreciate your time, input on this important matter, and look forward to hearing your views.

Mr Adam Dawson

Headteacher

Headteacher Cherry Tree Academy

**Designated Person for Safeguarding:** Mr A Dawson

**Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding:** Mrs S Cannon, Mrs P Millard, Ms K King and Mr P Wright

**If you are worried a child is at risk of harm, please contact: Social Care Direct on 01924 303456**



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