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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to make you aware that West Berkshire Council will be launching a consultation today regarding proposed changes to school admission arrangements for 2027/28. This includes a proposal to reduce the Published Admission Numbers (PAN) for both Chieveley Primary School and Spurcroft Primary School.

The Council has asked us to share the consultation with our families and provide the link below.

https://www.westberks.gov.uk/admission-arrangements

About the consultation

Local Authorities must review and determine admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools each year. When changes are proposed, they are required to carry out a consultation lasting at least six weeks.

Due to a significant decline in birth rates across West Berkshire and a sustained reduction in pupil numbers in some areas, the Council is proposing to reduce the PAN for two schools:

- **Chieveley Primary School:** from 30 to 15
- **Spurcroft Primary School:** from 60 to 45

These changes are intended to ensure that schools remain financially and operationally sustainable, while continuing to meet local demand for places.

The consultation explains the background in detail, including current pupil numbers, local demographic trends, and how these proposals may affect families both within and outside catchment areas.

How to take part

Parents and carers are invited to read the full consultation document and share their views by completing the online survey.
The consultation period runs from **11 December 2025** to **31 January 2026**.

Have your say by completing the survey (available via the link above).

If you have questions about the consultation itself, you can contact the School Admissions Team using the details provided within the consultation webpage.



Thank you for taking the time to engage with this important process.

Kind regards,



Mrs Kate Flowerdew

Headteacher

