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To: All Parents, Carers, Staff, Academy Council members, Local Schools, and Interested Parties

Subject: Public Consultation on the Proposed Reduction to the Published Admission Number (PAN) for September 2028

Park Academy is launching a formal public consultation on a proposed change to its school admission arrangements. We are proposing a reduction in our Published Admission Number (PAN) from 60 to 30, to take effect from the September 2028 intake and onwards after that.

The consultation period will run for six weeks, beginning on Thursday 15th October, 2026 and closing at 5:00 PM on Thursday 26th November, 2026.

Why is the school proposing this change?

Having carefully reviewed our Academy's operational requirements and the needs of the local community we serve, we are proposing this reduction for the following key reasons;

The primary reason for proposing a reduction in the PAN is to manage school resources more efficiently and ensure financial sustainability in the face of falling pupil numbers in the local area.

To align with Local Demand: The number of available school places should align with the actual and projected pupil numbers in the surrounding area to avoid a significant surplus of places. The numbers of pupils in our immediate area and the Boston area are too low to fill the spaces in our Academy. This has been a pattern now for 4 academic years.

Quality of Education: A realistic PAN allows the school to plan for the appropriate number of teaching staff and learning support staff, and to maintain high-quality educational outcomes and a supportive learning environment for all pupils.

Efficient Resource Management: The proposal allows our Academy, Voyage Education Partnership and the local authority to engage in long-term planning, potentially reconfiguring unused teaching space for other valuable uses (e.g., a nursery class).

Please note - this change will only affect new Reception intakes from September 2028 onward. It will not affect the places of any children who are currently enrolled at the school.

Who are we consulting with?

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires that all admission authorities undertake a statutory consultation to seek the views and comments of parents/carers, other admission authorities, pre-schools, nurseries in the relevant area, Lincolnshire County Council, neighbouring local authorities, and anyone else who may be affected by the proposed changes.

A copy of the School Admission Code 2021 can be found at
School admissions code 2021 (publishing.service.gov.uk)

How to share your views

We welcome feedback from our academy community and the wider local area. You can submit your comments, support, or objections regarding this proposal through the following methods:

Email: Send your response to consultations@parkacademyboston.net with the subject line "**PAN Consultation**".

Letter: Send your response for the attention of *Mrs K Radford, Park Academy, Robin Hood's Walk, Boston, PE21 9LQ*

The closing date for responses is Thursday 26th November, 2026.

Next Steps

Following the closing date on 26th November, 2026 all responses will be collated and carefully considered by the Academy and Voyage Education Partnership. Voyage Education Partnership (as the admissions authority) will the determine Park Academy's final admission arrangement for 2028-2029. The final determined admission arrangements will be published on the school website by 28th February, 2027.

Thank you for your continued support and for taking the time to participate in this important process.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kris Radford
Head Teacher