

4th March 2024

Dear Stakeholder

### **Published Admission Number (PAN)**

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to those stakeholders who participated in the PAN consultation undertaken across 11/12/23 - 22/1/24. The Trust undertook concurrent PAN consultations across a number of its schools and received a good level of response. Your views are very much valued, as is the evident passion and commitment in support of the schools.

Stakeholders raised a range of questions/concerns, which contributed greatly to our decision-making and the attached FAQ document reflects some of the key areas raised.

Based on the local authority's data and modelling, the initial recommendation was a reduction of PAN at Dussindale from 60 to 30. This could have potentially led to a one-form entry model rather than the current two-form entry.

Whilst there is a high degree of confidence in the local authority's data and modelling, in the case of Dussindale, the Board and Executive Team consider that a move to one-form entry is not the right decision for the school at this point. However, in order to enable us to plan effectively, a PAN reduction is deemed necessary and as a result, the PAN will be reduced to 45 for the 2025/26 school year.

The Trust will continue to monitor admissions numbers closely going forward to ensure the PAN provides an accurate and contemporary reflection of demand.

Yours sincerely



Don Evans - CEO