

Anthony Roper Primary School

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Anthony Roper Primary School - Admissions Arrangement Consultation for Admission Year 2026-2027

Anthony Roper Primary School is a foundation school in Eynsford village. As our own admissions authority, we are required under the School Admission Code 2021 to review our Admissions Policy annually and to consult on our arrangements from time to time.

The code requires consultation in the following circumstances:

1. When changes are proposed to admission arrangements, all admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements (including any supplementary information form) that will apply for admission applications the following school year.
2. Where the admission arrangements have not changed from the previous year there is no requirement to consult, subject to the requirement that admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements at least once every 7 years, even if there have been no changes during that period.

Anthony Roper Primary School Proposal to:

Reduce the Published Admission Number

The Governors and the Leadership Team of Anthony Roper Primary School propose to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 45 to 30, to take effect from September 2026.

The proposed change will help secure the long-term future of the school. The Governors and Staff are working hard to continue to improve the outcomes of all our pupils and feel strongly that the proposed reduction will benefit future outcomes for our children, whilst still enabling us to meet the number of places required in the local area.

We have engaged with the Local Area Education Officer to understand the future projected pupil numbers within the area and they have confirmed they will still meet their planned requirements once this proposed change has been made.

The proposed change will not affect those who choose to accept an offer for a school place in September 2025. All current and future parents and any other interested stakeholders can make comments on this proposal.

Background

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for Anthony Roper Primary School is 45. Reducing the PAN will assist the school to provide stability in its long-term planning and support the school to allocate resources more effectively, while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers in line with demand in the local area.

Although the Regulations and Code of Practice relating to school admissions no longer require an admissions authority to consult when maintaining or increasing a school's PAN, there remains a requirement to consult when the proposal is to reduce.

Anthony Roper Primary School are seeking comments on the proposed change.

Specific Proposal

Anthony Roper Primary School, along with our Governors, proposes to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 45 to 30 with effect from September 2026.





Please find the full, proposed, policy and admissions arrangement attached.

It is important to consider the views of our community.

If you would like to contribute to the consultation, please [click here](#).

This consultation is now open and any comments relating to the policy will need to be received by 23rd December 2024.

For the duration of the consultation, Anthony Roper Primary School will display the following on the website:

- A copy of this letter
- Proposed Admissions Policy (2026-2027)
- Current Admissions Policy

Stakeholders are deemed to be:

- Parents and carers of children aged between 2 and 11 years of age
- Other admission authorities within the relevant area
- Kent County Council
- Any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority
- Other persons or groups in the local area who may have an interest in the proposed new arrangements i.e. other local nursery settings

As set out in the Schools Admission Code, we are entering into a 6-week statutory consultation. The Governing Body will meet soon after this closure of the admissions consultation to consider any comments.

Kind regards,
The Governing Body