

MANOR SCHOOL

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30th November 2017 Public consultation regarding admissions number

Manor School Didcot Academy Trust has historically had an intake each year of 75 pupils. This was previously managed through having three classes per year group of 25 pupils, however as the school budgets have nationally been reduced, this is not considered a financially viable nor sustainable option going forward.

For the last few years the school has managed this intake number through a mixed year group class every key stage. The current class structure is;

	Classes			Total no of pupils
R	R	R	R	(75)
KS1	1	1	1/2 mixed	(150)
	2	2		
KS2	3	3	3/4 mixed	(150)
	4	4		
	5	5	5/6 mixed	(150)
	6	6		

Unfortunately this arrangement places additional pressure on the mixed year group teachers as they are planning in isolation. If the intake of 75 is to continue, school will need to consider mixed year groups in all key stages to allow a rolling two year curriculum. This structure would look like this;

	Classes					Total no of pupils
R	R	R	R			(75)



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KS1	1/2 mixed	1/2 mixed	1/2 mixed	1/2 mixed	1/2 mixed	(150)
KS2	3/4 mixed	3/4 mixed	3/4 mixed	3/4 mixed	3/4 mixed	(150)
	5/6 mixed	5/6 mixed	5/6 mixed	5/6 mixed	5/6 mixed	(150)

In order to be cost efficient and ensure the effective education of all pupils, class sizes are set at 30. This enables the school to provide a teacher and a teaching assistant per class.

With the increase in local housing, Manor School is open to considering increasing the intake numbers to 90 pupils. This will require some building adaptations, however it is not certain that there will be sufficient pupil numbers locally to accept this increase. Currently no year group is full. This means that two year groups will need to be reduced to two classes next year. As the local school provision is also due to increase from 2018 with an additional primary opening nearby, we feel that this is likely to reduce the intake numbers further.

Manor School are proposing that from September 2019, the intake number be reduced to 60. This will allow us to retain single year group classes and ensure we are focusing on a cost efficient solution for the longer term financial stability of the school whilst providing an effective education of the pupils.

2018 Structure

	Classes			Total no of pupils
R	R	R	R	(75)
KS1	1	1	1	(75)
	2	2	2	(75)
KS2	3	3	3	(75)
	4	4		(60)
	5	5		(60)
	6	6	6	(75)

Proposed 2019 Structure

	Classes			Total no of pupils
R	R	R		(60)
KS1	1	1	1	(75)

	2	2	2	(75)
KS2	3	3	3	(75)
	4	4	4	(75)
	5	5		(60)
	6	6		(60)