

## CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION NUMBERS

The Governing Bodies of community and voluntary controlled schools were consulted on the proposed admission numbers for their schools for the 2016/17 school year. A request from the governors of Clayton le Woods Manor Road Primary School with an amended recommendation which reflects the request is provided.

Admission numbers are set by reference to a school's net capacity. In primary schools the net capacity is calculated on the basis of the number and size of teaching spaces which are designated as class-bases. In secondary schools this is based on the number, size and type of teaching spaces and the age range of the school.

The net capacity formula provides a maximum and minimum number of workplaces and this guides the setting of the admission number. The formula also produces an indicated admission number (IAN). It is permitted to set an admission number higher or lower than the IAN.

If an admission number is proposed lower than the indicated admission number, the admission authority (the Local Authority for these schools) must publish this information for parents in a local newspaper and on its website. Parents may then object to the Office of the Schools' Adjudicator about the school's admission number being set below the IAN.

### District 9 – Chorley

#### **09025 – Clayton le Woods Manor Road Primary School**

Current Admission Number	=	35
Indicated Admission Number	=	34
Proposed Admission Number	=	35
Governors' Proposal	=	36

#### **Head teacher / Governor Comments:**

The school's net capacity admission number is 37. Several years ago the governors applied for a reduction in the admission number to 35. This was granted, however since then it has become apparent that 35 as an odd number always causes difficulty when working in groups and pairs. For this reason the governors would like to amend the admission number to 36. The school has adequate staffing and accommodation to cope with the increase in numbers and in some classes there are already 36 children.

#### **Officer Comment:**

The most recent net capacity measure in September 2013 indicates maximum workplaces at this school of 240 (equates to a PAN at 34). The current PAN at 35 is already just above this maximum.

Forecasts do however suggest that there will be a need for additional primary places in this area. Any voluntary increase in capacity, no matter how small, is therefore welcomed if this will not compromise the education of the children involved or require unplanned capital

commitment from the Local Authority.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that this school's PAN is increased from 35 to 36 for September 2016.  
(amended sentence to reflect the request)