

## **Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School 2027/8 Admissions Policy Consultation**

The Good Shepherd Trust is the Admissions Authority for Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School, School Lane, Westcott, Dorking RH4 3QF

The Trust is consulting on a proposed change to the 2027/8 admissions policy for Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School and would like to hear your views. The Trust has a statutory duty to consult on admissions arrangements if we intend to make a change.

The consultation period will run from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025 to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Information about the consultation will be provided on the Trust website

<https://www.goodshepherdtrust.org.uk/our-schools/admissions>

and school websites <https://www.surreyhillsprimaryschool.org.uk/about-us/admissions-join-our-family> during the consultation period.

### **What is the proposed change?**

We propose to remove the year 3 admission point and the published admissions number (PAN) of 10.

We propose to lower the year R PAN to 15 from 30.

The proposed change to the policy is:

Removal of the following criterion

**4. Children who have at least one parent who worships regularly at a Christian Church** (see note 4).

Comments are not being sought on any other area of the policy.

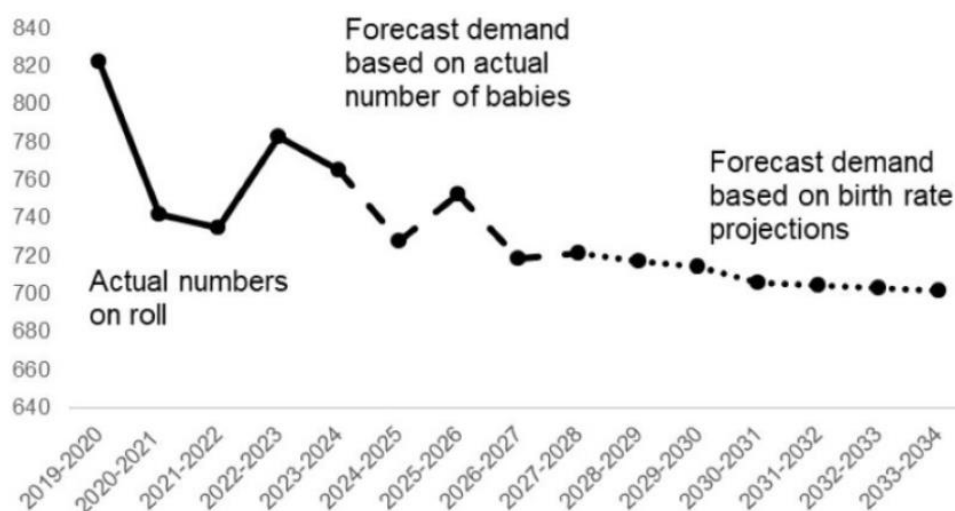
### **Rationale – change of KS2 admissions PAN and change of Year R PAN**

Surrey Hills All Saints has one form in year R, 1 and 2. The current structure allows for 45 pupils to be in years 3,4,5 and 6. The school has the following numbers of pupils on roll:

Year R 13  
Year 1 16  
Year 2 19  
Year 3 23  
Year 4 18  
Year 5 15  
Year 6 24

The Year R places required in Mole Valley is not predicted to increase:

## Demand for reception places in Mole Valley



In academic year 2023 to 2024 there were around 800 pupils in year 7 in Mole Valley. Demand is projected to plateau at around 795 pupils before peaking at around 830 pupils in 2026 to 2027. Besides an outlier of around 810 in 2029 to 2030, Year 7 demand is then expected to fluctuate between 780 and 750 pupils for the rest of the planning period.

The following table shows detailed projections in both admissions points in the Dorking area:

### Pupil projections - what might the future look like?

Dorking Area						
School year	Year R places	Year R Forecast	Surplus / Deficit	Year 3 places	Year 3 Forecast	Surplus / Deficit
2026-27	250	203	47	247	211	36
2027-28	250	202	48	247	205	42
2028-29	250	197	53	257	225	32
2029-30	250	196	54	247	226	21
2030-31	250	200	50	247	227	20
2031-32	250	192	58	247	219	28
2032-33	250	191	59	247	215	32
2033-34	250	191	59	247	212	35
2034-35	250	191	59	247	205	42

There are currently over 700 vacant places in Mole Valley:

#### Mainstream primary provision - 2024 to 2025 academic year

Primary (NCY Reception to 6) school places	Primary (NCY Reception to 6) pupils on roll	Boys	Girls
6,043	5,284	2,652	2,632

We propose removing the admissions point at KS2 to enable Surrey Hills All Saints to become a half-form-entry primary school with up to 15 pupils in each year group. This will protect the future viability of the school.

With the current surplus of places in Mole Valley, and future predictions, we do not see any pupil being disadvantaged by these changes. Our places offered in year R is a three-year falling trend.

#### **Rationale – removal of criterion 4**

The Trust seeks to be as inclusive as possible with our admissions policies and procedures. We welcome pupils from all faiths and none and we are keen to make our admissions policy as clear as possible about this. We have, therefore, proposed to remove all church-related criteria from our school admissions policies. Some parents have suggested that these criteria have been a barrier to applying to our schools.

#### **Potential Impact**

In the past three years, the number of pupils admitted into the school is as follows:

	2025	2024	2023
Places available	30	30	30
Total places offered	12	15	17
Places offered under criterion 4	0	0	0

As no pupils has been admitted under this criterion in the past three years, we do not foresee and significant impact on the school's admission

#### **How can I respond to the consultation?**

If you would like to submit a response to the consultation, please email Paul Kennedy on: [admissions@goodshepherdtrust.org.uk](mailto:admissions@goodshepherdtrust.org.uk) or write to: Mr Paul Kennedy, The Good Shepherd Trust, Larch Building, Larch Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 1JY.

Please ensure that your response is entitled: 2027/8 Admissions Policy Consultation.

You are able to submit a free text response.

However, the Trust Board would find it helpful if you could include your name and the name of the school to which you are submitting a response. Also, if you are able to indicate whether you will be affected by the proposed change and if so, in what way.

Further details on the admissions consultation process can be found in the School Admissions Code: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1001050/School\\_admissions\\_code\\_2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1001050/School_admissions_code_2021.pdf)

#### **What happens next?**

Please note that you will not receive an individual response to your submission and no changes to the proposed policies will be made during the consultation period. After the consultation has closed, all responses will be collated and presented to the Trust Board during the first half term of the spring term 2026. The Board will then decide whether to proceed with the proposed change as well as determining the admission arrangements for all other Trust schools for which no changes are

proposed. Once determined the final admission arrangements for all schools will be placed on the websites of the individual schools and sent to the Local Authority and Diocese.