



Moor First School

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1st December 2025,

Admission Arrangements Normal Age of Entry: Academic Year 2027/2028

In accordance with the School Admission Regulations, **Moor First School** (ST87HR) wishes to hear your views on its proposed changes to admission arrangements for September 2027.

Your opinions are important to us, and we are keen to receive your comments on our admission arrangements before they are formally approved.

The consultation will open on 1st December 2025 and will close on 31st January 2026. Moor First School proposes that the **pupil admission number (PAN)** be reduced from **20 to 15** starting from September 2027. This means that the number of places available for children in Reception in September 2027 and all subsequent Reception cohorts will be **15**.

For children who already have a place in the school, the year groups will not change.

This is the only proposed change to the admission criteria; all other criteria will remain the same.

Rationale:

The following factors have been considered by the school and local authority when deciding to consult on this proposal:

- There is a decreasing birth rate nationally which is, to some degree, reflected in the local catchment area.
- Reducing the PAN will ensure the maximum possible revenue will be received for each cohort and our resources are used more effectively across the school.
- The total number of pupils from Reception to Year 4 recorded in the October 2025 census was 57 which is below the current school capacity of 120.
- Funding is largely related to the number of pupils on roll and vacancies in classes result in a negative impact on the school budget. With a PAN of 15, all spaces in a class will be filled and the school can operate more efficiently and cost effectively, giving every single pupil the best possible education.
- There is no new building planned in the local area.
- The school now has mixed age classes (Year 1/Year 2 and Year 3/Year 4), with the exemption of Reception, having a pan of 15 children will mean that mixed age classes will consistently have no more than 30 children in KS1.
- The school has completed a 2-year old business case and so by reducing Reception PAN to 15, we can open up space to accommodate 2 year olds in line with floor space ratios.

In accordance with the school admissions regulations, the school is consulting with key stakeholders including:

- Parents/carers of pupils and prospective parents.
- Other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed arrangements
- The local authority
- Other local schools
- A full copy of the proposed admission arrangements are available on the school website. Any comments should be sent to: office@moor.staffs.sch.uk before 31st Jan 2026.

Your Sincerely,



Victoria Atherton (Headteacher)

Staffordshire County Council