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## **Decision regarding Admissions Arrangements**

As you will be aware, the Governors have undergone a consultation period regarding changes to Admission Arrangements from 2025. Thank you to all stakeholders within and beyond the school community who have contributed to this process. We have really appreciated the time you have taken to meet with us and to share your views within this process.

Throughout the consultation we have considered a wide range of factors and views: the number of reception applications for 2024 (which is extremely positive); our own pupil numbers including rising siblings; projected future pupil numbers within this area; the financial impact that these projections could have; and the impact on staffing and the nature and identity of the School.

Having taken all of these factors into account as they currently stand, it was the decision of the Governors **not** to reduce the Pupil Admission Number from 60 to 30 in 2025. This means that St Paul's will remain as a two-form intake primary school.

The Governors also voted in favour of amending the Admissions Policy to give priority to children of staff who have been working at St Paul's for more than two years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at St Paul's School for their dedication and commitment. The positive responses we have received following our Open Days has been a testimony to their hard work in ensuring St Paul's continues to be a great school.

Fiona Ruddock Chair of Governors

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