

## **Consultation to reduce Iceni Primary Academy's Published Admission Number from September 2025**

### **Introduction**

Academy Transformation Trust is consulting on a reduction in the published admission number (PAN) at Iceni Primary Academy from 20 to 15 effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

The current PAN for Iceni Primary Academy of 20 was agreed when it met demand for places at that time. Owing to falling birth rates, the current published admission number of 20 is much higher than the estimated pupil numbers and the Local Authority pupil place plan for 2025 and going forward. Moreover, the school does not have the classrooms to accommodate 20 pupils in every year cohort.

The proposed change is in line with the recommendation of the Local Authority made last year. It will enhance the ability of our Trust Board and Education Directorate to carry out impactful school improvement and continue the academy's journey to an outstanding Ofsted rating by negating the need for oversized classes and the use of inappropriate accommodation. The change will assist the Trust Board in supporting resource management and planning to ensure both the academy and its learning environment remain both viable and suitable for the delivery of its current high standard of education.

No pupil who already has a place at the academy will be affected by this proposal.

### **Specific Proposal**

The Academy Transformation Trust's Board and Iceni Primary Academy are proposing to reduce the published admission number from 20 to 15 effective from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. This means the number of places available for pupils in Reception will be 15 in 2025 and will remain at 15 for all subsequent Reception cohorts going forward.

Academy Transformation Trust's Board and Iceni Primary Academy have considered a number of key factors in deciding to hold a consultation in regard to the proposal:

- The ability of the academy to support pupil place planning and provide sufficient places for local pupils.
- The ability of the learning environment to support the highest standard of school improvement and delivery of education.
- Management and resource planning and its sufficiency in supporting the required pupil cohorts.
- Capacity within the academy will increase, providing a more effective education to the pupils on roll.

Academy Transformation Trust is committed to supporting pupil place planning within each local authority in which we operate and would consider reviewing the published admission number in future should the need in area require this support.

## Consultation period

The consultation period is running for six working weeks from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023, until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024.



Sir Nick Weller  
Chief Executive Officer

## Who is being consulted

The consultation of this proposal is for the attention of the following:

- Local parents with children at the school or under school age
- Residents/people in the area with an interest in the proposal
- All other relevant admission authorities within the local area
- The local authority
- Neighbouring local authorities.

## How to respond

Academy transformation Trust and Icen Primary Academy welcome your views on this proposal, and you can engage in the following ways:

**Email:** [consultations@attrust.org.uk](mailto:consultations@attrust.org.uk) with the subject header **Iceni PAN**

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