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Dear Parents and Carers

Consultation about reduction in PAN (Pupil Admission Number)

Some of you will already know that Croydon Council are currently running a consultation about the reduction of Monks Orchard's PAN (Pupil Admission Number).

Over the last few years, there has been a significant decrease in the birth rate and in the number of primary school aged children in parts of Croydon. As a result, there is now an excess of primary school places in the North and East areas of the borough.

The local authority wants to reduce the PAN (Pupil Admission Number) for a number of schools for the 2018/19 school year in order to address this excess. It is proposing that Monks Orchard should be one of the schools that reduces its PAN. The proposal is that the number of places we offer in our next Reception cohort is reduced from 90 places (3 classes) to 60 places (2 classes). As many of you will know, we only offered 60 places this year, so the proposal is effectively an extension to a reduction that is already in place.

The consultation started this week and is being run by the local authority, not the school. If you would like to contribute to the consultation, the local authority has placed a notice on the school gate with further details. Or you can visit the following website:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/school-admissions/consultation-norbury-manor-and-monks-orchard-primary-schools>

Yours faithfully,

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