

## Reduction in Admission Number

### Conifers Primary School

By Virtue of Schedule 3 of the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013, Dorset Council is required to consult on changes to provision at Maintained Schools including the reduction in Admission Numbers (AN).

The proposed AN will apply to admissions to the relevant age group (the normal year of entry) commencing from the beginning of the school year 2025/26 and for any subsequent school year. Notice is hereby given for the following changes:

School	Current AN	Proposed AN
Conifers Primary School	60	30

The reason for proposing a lower AN is to set a level which more accurately reflects the number of actual admissions and enables the governing body of the relevant schools to plan more effectively for organisational and budgetary needs. Admissions to the schools will be in accordance with the admissions policy.

Currently the catchment area of Conifers Primary School has a projection of less than 35 children of reception age going forward for the next 3-4 years in the school catchment area with even lower levels of expected demand for places in the reception cohort. In order to make sure that the school can structure itself in an efficient way given these numbers, it is proposed that the school will only allocate 30 places for the reception cohort in September 2025 and in subsequent years going forward.

Any person may submit their comments, both positive and negative, to Ed Denham, School Organisation, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ or through email [schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) by **9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

Signed: Theresa Leavy, Executive Director of People - Children, Dorset Council.  
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