

18th December 2024

Changes to Admissions Policy with effect from September 2026

Summary

The School Admissions Code sets out the mandatory requirement that all schools must have admission arrangements that clearly set out how children will be admitted, including the criteria that will be applied if there are more applications than places at the school.

The Trustees of the Eden Learning Trust are required to determine their admissions arrangements annually, and consult on those arrangements at least once every seven years.

Seaham High School Governors would like to seek the views of parents, carers and other interested stakeholders on the following proposal:

1. Change the PAN for Year 7 from 240 to 220 at Seaham High School with effect from September 2026.

Rationale

This proposed change aims to ensure that we can continue to deliver high-quality teaching and maintain a supportive and inclusive learning environment. We believe that this adjustment will allow us to better meet the needs of our students, staff, and the wider school community. We have taken into account the following in making a decision to consult;

- Forecasts from the Durham Pupil Place Planning 2024 document suggest that numbers in Planning Area 1 Seaham primaries are going to drop consistently over the next few years.
- Forecasts from the Durham Pupil Place Planning 2024 document projections for Planning Area 41 Seaham High School are likely to be inaccurate based on current numbers on roll
- A significant increase in the number of vulnerable students who require support to move around the building
- The PAN is reviewed every year by Governors- no consultation is required on increasing the PAN therefore the Governors can respond to local needs

For further information, please see our Admissions policy on the school website and the Secondary School Admission Guide at www.durham.gov.uk

The consultation process will commence on 20th December 2024 and will continue until 31st January 2025. Please can responses to the consultation be forwarded to J.Bates, PA to the Headteacher, enquiries@seahamhighschool.com or alternatively by post to the school address.