

28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Consultation on Proposed Reduction of Published Admission Number (PAN).**

Danebury School is consulting on a proposal to reduce its Published Admission Number (PAN) from 156 to 120 places for year 7 effective from September 2027.

#### **Rationale**

The current PAN of 156 means that up to 156 pupils can be admitted into year 7. However, recent demographic data and local authority forecasts indicate a sustained decline in secondary school-age population within our planning area. This has resulted in surplus places across local schools, which impacts efficient use of resources and long-term financial sustainability.

#### **Reducing the PAN will:**

- Align capacity with projected demand for places.
- Ensure class sizes remain appropriate for high-quality teaching and learning.
- Support the school's ability to maintain a broad curriculum and staffing stability.

No changes are proposed to the oversubscription criteria or any other aspect of our admissions arrangements.

#### **Impact**

- This change will apply to year 7 from September 2027.
- Pupils currently on roll or with confirmed places for September 2026 will **not** be affected.
- There will continue to be sufficient places locally to meet parental preference.

#### **Consultation Process**

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, we are required to consult for a minimum of six weeks between 1 October and 31 January in the determination year. Our consultation will run from 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

We invite parents, carers, staff, local schools, the Local Authority, and other stakeholders to share their views.

#### **How to Respond**

Please send your comments by 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 via:

- **Email:** office@danebury.hispmat.org
- **Post:** Danebury School, Roman Road, Stockbridge, SO236HA
- **Online form:** [Consultation Fill in form](#)

All responses will be considered by the Governing Body before a final decision is made and published on our website by 28 February 2026.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal. Your feedback is important to us.

**Yours sincerely,**

Nicky Goodridge  
Headteacher.