

Cranleigh Church of England Primary School 2027/8 Admissions Policy Consultation

The Good Shepherd Trust is the Admissions Authority for Cranleigh Church of England Primary School, Parsonage Rd, Cranleigh GU6 7AN.

The Trust is consulting on a proposed change to the 2027/8 admissions policy for Cranleigh Church of England Primary School and would like to hear your views. The Trust has a statutory duty to consult on admissions arrangements if we intend to make a change.

The consultation period will run from Friday 12th December 2025 to Friday 23rd January 2026

Information about the consultation will be provided on the Trust website

<https://www.goodshepherdtrust.org.uk/our-schools/admissions>

and school websites <https://www.cranleighprimary.surrey.sch.uk/key-information/admissions>, during the consultation period.

What is the proposed change?

The proposed change to the policy is:

Removal of admissions of 30 pupils into year 3. There is currently a published admissions number (PAN) of 30 in year 3.

Comments are not being sought on any other area of the policy.

Rationale

The school has had a falling roll and the number of pupils in each year group in key stage 2 (years 3,4,5 and 6) has fallen considerably. Ewhurst Infant School is opening a key stage 2 provision for 15 pupils in addition to their infant phase. This will add 15 places in the area, which will impact applications to Cranleigh as it is our closest Church of England School.

Cranleigh has a PAN of 30 in reception, these classes move automatically into the KS2 phase at year 3. The proposal is that the school becomes a one-form primary school with no admissions in year 3.

Potential Impact

In the past three years, the number of pupils admitted into the school is as follows:

	2025	2024	2023
Places available	30	30	30
Total places offered	1	12	25
Pupils in year group, moving from KS1 and external admissions (capacity 60)	29 (year 3)	27 (year 4)	34 (year 5)

As there is a significant decline in places offered, only one last year, we do not foresee any significant impact on admissions, particularly given the expansion at Ewhurst.

How can I respond to the consultation?

If you would like to submit a response to the consultation, please email Mr Paul Kennedy on: admissions@goodshepherdtrust.org.uk or write to: Mr Paul Kennedy, The Good Shepherd Trust, Larch Building, Larch Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 1JY.

Please ensure that your response is entitled: 2027/8 Admissions Policy Consultation.

You are able to submit a free text response.

However, the Trust Board would find it helpful if you could include your name and the name of the school to which you are submitting a response. Also, if you are able to indicate whether you will be affected by the proposed change and if so, in what way.

Further details on the admissions consultation process can be found in the School Admissions Code: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1001050/School_admissions_code_2021.pdf

What happens next?

Please note that you will not receive an individual response to your submission and no changes to the proposed policies will be made during the consultation period. After the consultation has closed, all responses will be collated and presented to the Trust Board during the first half term of the spring term 2026. The Board will then decide whether to proceed with the proposed change as well as determining the admission arrangements for all other Trust schools for which no changes are proposed. Once determined the final admission arrangements for all schools will be placed on the websites of the individual schools and sent to the Local Authority and Diocese.