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Dear Parents/Carers

Following an increase in birth rates across the city Coventry expanded many of its schools in 2013 to ensure there were sufficient school places for the additional pupils. Many Secondary schools across the city are now currently being expanded ready for these larger primary cohorts moving through to their secondary education.

However in recent years the birth rate has declined and allocations have fluctuated in recent years, causing uncertainty for schools. This is due to the ease of movement to other schools, and spaces being readily available across the city.

With the declining birth rate and the previous year's allocations, the forecast number of surplus places in Coundon is anticipated to increase, resulting in further low numbers for the school. The majority of the school's funding comes from pupil numbers and it is clearly not sustainable to have multiple year groups being massively under sized.

Therefore, we have approached the Authority and have indicated our interest in reducing our Pupil Admission Number back to 60 (2 form entry) we are hoping this can take place from Sept 2021. This will not affect current year group sizes which will remain as they are.

This reduction will put us in a better financial position where we can invest in the children's education and experiences.

Yours Sincerely

Natasha Maude & Peter Howarth
Headteacher Chair of Governors

