

20th December 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre: Proposal to reduce the Published Admission Number

The Directors of the Tenterden Schools Trust, Governors and Senior Leadership Team of Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre propose to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for new Year 7 pupils from 360 to 300, to take effect from September 2026.

This proposed change will help the school by enabling an accurate and strategic planning of the curriculum, to deploy its funds and financial planning to meet the provision needed for our children in an academic and non-academic manner, and support an overall continued enhancement of our current provision. Furthermore, we look to better meet the requirements for students with learning needs or other barriers to learning through identified funding.

Background

The proposed reduction from 360 to 300 students would mean that Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre was still a larger than average secondary school, but this change would mean we could continue to provide a high-quality education for current students as well as being able to provide the appropriate number of places for future pupils in our area.

Specific Proposal

The Trust proposes to reduce the Published Admission Number of the school from 360 to 300 with effect from September 2026. This means the number of places available for children in Year 7 in 2026 – and all subsequent Year 7 cohorts – will be 300.

This is the only proposed change to the admissions criteria; all other criteria, including over-subscription, will remain the same.

For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups, there will be no change. There will continue to be adequate spaces for all of our local rural primary schools.. Moreover, this proposal does not change the ethos or vision of our school.

Who is being consulted?



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This consultation is for the specific attention of:

- Parents of children aged between 2 and 18 years of age
- All other admission authorities within the relevant area
- Kent County Council
- East Sussex County Council
- Other persons in the local area who may have an interest in the proposed new arrangements

How to respond

This consultation will run from 20th December 2024 until 31st January 2025. All stakeholders are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal to:

PAN Consultation
Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre
Ashford Road
Tenterden
Kent
TN30 6LT

Or email clerk@homewood.kent.sch.uk (title email PAN Consultation)

Following this statutory 6-week consultation period, as set out in the Schools Admission Code, Trustees will consider all comments received and how to proceed.

Admissions arrangements for September 2026 will be determined by 28th February 2026 and any subsequent objections will need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator by 14th May 2026.