

Delce Academy statutory consultation on the admission arrangements for the academic year September 2027

Consultation period: Monday, 1st December 2025 to Monday, 12th January 2026 at 5pm

Admissions Code of Practice 2021 requires an Admissions Authority to consult each time it proposes to make significant changes to its admissions arrangements. Inspire Partnership Academy Trust the Admission Authority for Delce Academy, The Tideway, Rochester, Kent ME1 2NJ is consulting on the proposed change to the admissions criteria at Delce Academy for September 2027.

The proposal to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) at Delce Academy from 90 to 60 reflects the continued decline in demand for places at the school. Over the last four years, Delce has received fewer than 60 external admissions into Year 3, demonstrating that the current PAN is consistently higher than the actual level of demand. Reducing the PAN will ensure that the school's capacity more accurately reflects local needs, supports long-term sustainability, helps prevent surplus places, and enables Delce Academy to maintain high-quality provision for all pupils.

There are no other material changes to our proposed arrangements, so although the full draft document is included for completeness, we are not seeking feedback on any other aspect of these arrangements.

The full arrangements can be viewed [here](#).

Consultation responses

The Trustees of Inspire Partnership Trust invite you to submit your views or make comments, in writing, by 5pm on Monday, 12th January 2026. Responses to this consultation can be made by email to our Governance Administrator, Julie Newman - jnewman@inspirepartnership.co.uk submitted by 5pm on Monday, 12th January 2026.