

Crofty Education Trust
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8th December 2025

Dear Stakeholders/Local Community,

In line with the *School Admission Code 2021*, we would like to notify you of the following proposed changes to our 2026/27 Admissions Arrangements for Godolphin School.

Notification of proposed temporary variation in PAN for 2026/27 for Godolphin School

A temporary reduction in PAN from 15 to 10 is being proposed for Admissions Arrangements for 2026/27 academic year for the reasons set out below:

Current Situation

Class Structure: Godolphin School currently operates with a 3-class structure:

- Reception/Year 1
- Year 2/3
- Year 4/5/6

September 2025 Intake: The school admitted 20 pupils into Reception, exceeding the Published Admission Number (PAN) of 15. This decision was made because:

- The school had available spaces throughout the setting
- Parents had indicated they would submit appeals, which the school was unlikely to win owing to the availability of spaces.

The Challenge for September 2026

Projected Numbers:

- Through close collaboration with the pre-school, the school was advised that projected numbers for September 2026 would be much lower than the 2025 intake.
- However, applications for places are now anticipated to exceed the 10 available spaces in the youngest children's class.

Impact on School Organisation

Admitting more than 10 pupils would create significant operational challenges:

Class organisation

- Mixed-age arrangements would compromise consistent educational provision
- Managing differentiated teaching across the same year group in different classes would be extremely challenging

Curriculum Impact:

- Complete curriculum restructuring required for different class structure
- Reduced whole-class instruction necessary
- Significant additional differentiation demands on teachers

The Solution

Temporarily reducing PAN from 15 to 10 for Reception 2026 intake will:

- Maintain the current class structure
- Avoid the need for complete curriculum restructuring
- Preserve equality of educational opportunity
- Enable effective teaching and learning across all year groups

Alternative Provision

Sithney School (another Crofty Education Trust school):

- Located 2.2 miles from Godolphin Cross
- Has capacity to accommodate pupils who don't secure a place at Godolphin Primary
- Ensures families still have access to trust provision

Comments are welcomed from Monday 8th December 2025 to Monday 19th January 2026. Please send all comments to admin@croftymat.org

Following this consultation period, the Trust will submit a request to the Department of Education for variation to the 2026-27 PAN, to include any feedback we have received from our stakeholders and local community.

Kind regards,

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