

25 November 2022



**Cardinal Wiseman
Catholic School**

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

Dear Parents and Carers

Consultation on the proposal to temporarily expand Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School

This letter is to invite your views and comments on the proposed expansion of Cardinal Wiseman.

We are proposing to temporarily increase the number of pupils admitted in Year 7 from 240 to 270. This would be implemented by admitting one additional class of 30 pupils in Year 7 during two academic years – 2023 - 2024 and 2024 - 2025. The number of pupils we can currently cater for is 1400 and it is proposed that this will increase to 1460: an increase of 60 pupils in total. The proposed expansion will take place from September 2023. After 2025, the number of pupils admitted will then revert back to its current number of 240 per year group in Years 7 to 11.

The proposed expansion is in response to a request from Coventry City Council to provide more school places in order to meet the rising demand from Coventry families who are due to apply for a secondary school place in the coming years.

We do not intend to make any amendments to our current admissions policy; we are simply proposing the creation of more school places.

As building work is required for the school to expand, the Council have submitted and approved a planning application for the proposed changes and all normal planning processes will apply to this proposal. Views and comments received are part of this consultation.

Any capital costs for internal modifications or the additional new buildings to accommodate the increased numbers will be funded by the Council. Plans for what is being proposed for the school site can be viewed on the school's website. We have also ensured that detailed planning of the required building project results in limited disruption to the normal running of the school.

We now seek your views and comments on our proposal. We shall also inform the local community and other stakeholders in the area. Consultation began on **Thursday 24 November 2022 and continues until 12 noon on Thursday 22 December 2022**. Full details of what is being proposed can be found on the website.

Any comments or suggestions about what is being proposed can be made using the consultation response form or you can email your comments to consultation.cw@romeromac.com. If you wish to send an email please put CONSULTATION ON EXPANSION OF CARDINAL WISEMAN in the subject box. If you need paper copies of the consultation documentation, please call the school on 02476 617231. As questions arise, we will update a live FAQ document on the school consultation webpage.

Yours faithfully

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