



11<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Dear Parents

I am writing to let you know about admissions to our school for September 2016.

Buckinghamshire County Council have asked us to admit a one-off “bulge” class of 25 children into Reception, in addition to our usual intake of 30. These are children who live locally, who have put our school as first preference, and for whom no other places are available in local schools.

With the building of our new classroom (above current 4H) going ahead in the summer, and by retaining the mobile classroom for one more year, we are able to accommodate these children, and so the Governors have agreed to this request. Bucks CC are working with us on plans to improve the KS2 block over the next year, so that by September 2017 there will be two additional classrooms, a new reception area, wider corridors, a larger ICT suite and a new toilet block / handwashing facilities for KS2. A significant amount of funding has been committed by Bucks CC to this building project and general school improvements, which is good news for our current and future pupils.

Our objective is to stabilise the school intake so that we will continue to admit 30 children only to Reception / KS1 but will admit 3 classes of 28 children into KS2 from this September. In September 2019 we will temporarily reduce our Y3 intake to take account of this one-off bulge year (so the intake will be similar to Sep 2015, the current Y3). The total pupil numbers, if all places are taken up, will be 426 – which is the capacity of the main hall and dining room.

I reproduce below for your information the letter sent to the Governors of Great Missenden School by Stephen Chainani, Bucks School Place Planning Officer.

Very best wishes

Nick Hardy  
Chair of Governors

## To the Governors of Great Missenden School

**I am writing to thank the governing body for agreeing to admit at short notice an additional 25 pupils for September 2016 intake. This is in response to the overwhelming popularity of the school and at the request of Buckinghamshire County Council that the school make**



**this provision for one year only to accommodate the increased local demand for school places.**

**This year's admissions data shows that, while the number of births in the area is comparable to previous years, there has been an unprecedented increase in the number of applications received from parents. The trend data suggests that this is down to a significant rise in the number of families moving into the area and a significant reduction in the number of parents applying for an independent school. Without the provision of additional places the Local Authority would have had to place a large number of local children at a school a significant distance away from their home address.**

**While your school is able to accommodate an additional class for the first year, in the longer term the intention is to provide additional facilities at the school - which will allow the school to permanently increase its admission number at Year 3 from 35 to 54 to provide a better match with the admission number of your infant feeder schools as well as to allow the bulge reception class to be accommodated as it moves through the school. The additional facilities will ensure that children currently at the school will continue to have access to the same high quality facilities as well as benefitting the school in the longer term.**

**Thank you again for your co-operation and support in this matter.**

**Yours sincerely,  
Stephen Chainani  
School Place Planning Commissioning Partner**