

Consultation on Proposed Reduction of the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Torpoint Community College – 2028/29

Introduction

Torpoint Community College is consulting on proposed changes to its admission arrangements for the 2028/29 academic year. The College must consult for a minimum of six weeks on any proposed change, in accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021.

Proposal

The governing board proposes to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 7 entry from 175 to 120 for the 2028/29 academic year.

Rationale

Demographic analysis from Cornwall Council's Sufficiency Team indicates:

- Year 7 cohorts in the Torpoint and Rame peninsula area will fall below 100.
- The current PAN of 175 is significantly above projected demand for the next decade.
- A PAN of 120 aligns with local need, supports sustainable curriculum and staffing structures, and ensures that all local children can continue to access their catchment school.

Final Tiebreaker – Random Allocation (Updated for 2028/29)

- If distances are exactly the same and no other tiebreaker can separate applications, **random allocation** will be used. The College will conduct random allocation in accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021 and will publish the procedure within its admission arrangements. The process will be supervised by an independent person.

What the PAN Reduction Means

- The College will guarantee 120 Year 7 places for the whole academic year.

Consultation Period

The consultation will run for six weeks from 1 October to 12 November 2026.

How to Respond

Comments may be submitted by:

- Email: enquiries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

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- Written responses to: PAN Consultation, Torpoint Community College, Trevol Road, Torpoint, PL11 2NH.

Who We Are Consulting

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, we are consulting:

- Parents of children aged 2–16
- Admission authorities within a 5-mile radius
- Cornwall Council
- Neighbouring local authorities
- Early years settings, nurseries, childminders
- Local voluntary groups and parish councils
- Partner primary schools

Documents Available

The following documents are available on the College website:

- Proposed 2028/29 admission arrangements (Admissions Policy 2028/2029)
- A map of the designated area is given below, or can be seen in more using this link: [Cornwall Council interactive mapping website](#) (Use the “Map layers” tool to tick the box next to the “Education” group and then select “Secondary school designated area”).

Next Steps

Following consultation, the governing board will determine the final admission arrangements by 28 February 2027.

01 October 2026



In response to questions asked.

Good morning Milly,

Currently, approximately 6% of our student population resides in Plymouth. This has reduced from approximately 13% 5 years ago. We believe families living in Plymouth have had a greater choice in the Plymouth schools as falling rolls have opened up this opportunity.

Unfortunately, we do not have the data on the number of Year 6 students from the Torpoint and Rame area who have opted to attend other schools. This would have to be obtained from each of our primary feeder schools.

The number on roll is currently falling at a significant rate with no sign of when it will stabilise. This appears to reflect a combination of factors, including:

- The national and local decline in birth rates and the resulting reduction in cohort sizes.
- The increasing number of schools available in the local area including the UTC, The Studio School (now closed, but opening as an SEND school), Millbay (formerly the Art School), and Scott Medical School.
- I believe an increase in the Published Admission Number (PAN) at DHSB for the current academic year, which may also have affected local pupil movement.
- An increase in the number of students being Electively Home Educated (EHE).

While these factors provide some context for the longer-term decline, further data from our primary feeder schools would be required to establish the current destinations of Year 6 pupils. Carbeile Junior School provides the majority of our new Year 7 cohorts.

With my kind regards

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