



REDUCTION IN ADMISSION NUMBER THE THOMAS HARDYE SCHOOL

By virtue of Section 89 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, Dorset County Council is required to consult annually on admission arrangements including Admission Numbers (AN). In October 2001, the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) issued new guidance for measuring the capacity of all schools. This guidance describes the method for assessing the "net capacity" (NCA) of schools and is now the only technique for determining the AN for schools. Admission authorities may fix an AN for a relevant group that is lower or higher than the NCA method suggests. However, where a lower AN is proposed information must be published to give parents the opportunity to object. This notice relates to proposals to set an AN lower than the NCA has identified.

Following consultation on the AN for schools, the governing body of The Thomas Hardy School, has decided to proceed with the following proposal.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Regulation 9 (5) of The Education (Admission Arrangements) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002 that the governing body intends to set an AN for The Thomas Hardy School which is lower than the level which has been identified following an assessment of the accommodation using the NCA method. The proposed AN will apply to admissions to the relevant age group (the normal year of entry) commencing from the beginning of the school year 2017/18 and for any subsequent school year. Details are as follows:

School	Current AN	*NCA	Proposed AN
The Thomas Hardy School	475	2261	450

**NCA (including 6th form) as at May 2015.*

The reason for proposing a lower AN is to set a level which more accurately reflects the number of actual admissions and enables the governing body to plan more effectively for organisational and budgetary needs. Admissions to the school will be in accordance with the school's admissions policy.

Within six weeks after the date of publication of this notice, any person living within the designated area served by this school may object to the decision specifically related to the local school by sending their objection to the Office of the School's Adjudicator. Objections should be sent to The Secretary, The Office of School's Adjudicator, GD FL A, Mowden Hall, Staindrop Road, Darlington, DL3 9BG.

Further information about the contents of this notice may be obtained from The Thomas Hardy School, Queen's Avenue, Dorchester, DT1 2ET. Tel: 01305 266064. Email: office@thomas-hardye.net

Signed: Garry Batt, Chair of Governors, The Thomas Hardy School

Date: 5th October 2015

