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Dear Parents and Carers,

Schools up and down the country are facing the challenge of falling birth rates, including ours. Warrington Borough Council's forecasts of future pupil numbers show that birth rates across Warrington are falling, leading to a subsequent drop in demand for primary places.

We want our school to continue to be financially stable and for our staff to continue to offer the children the very best education. That unfortunately means that from September 2026 we will have to reduce the number of admission places for Reception from 60 to 30, which will see Callands move from two-form to one-form entry. The change has been agreed by our Governors and the Regional Director. No pupil that already has a place in school will be affected by the change.

The Governors, senior leadership team and myself want our school to continue to be part of the local community and to be a school of choice for the families it serves for years to come. This change will enable us to achieve those ambitions.

I'm very happy to chat through any concerns or questions you might have about this change. Please make an appointment through the school office.

With best wishes,

Mrs Siobhan Bentley
Headteacher



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