# Consultation on proposed Admission Arrangements for Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge School for entry from September 2028

## Introduction

Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge is an academy school and is its own admission authority, forming part of Maiden Erlegh Trust. When an admission authority wishes to make changes to their admission arrangements, they must consult to ensure all views are heard. Maiden Erlegh Trust is consulting on the following change to their admission arrangements.

## Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge - Proposed change to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 120 to 60

## Why are we proposing this change?

There is currently a surplus of secondary school places across the local area, reflecting a sustained decline in the number of secondary-aged pupils requiring places. Forecasts indicate that demand for secondary school places is expected to remain below existing capacity for the foreseeable future. The proposed reduction in the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 120 to 60 would align the school's admission capacity more closely with current and projected local demand and support effective long-term planning.

The change would enable the school and Trust to plan more effectively for staffing, curriculum delivery and the efficient use of resources, helping to ensure the continued provision of a broad and high-quality educational experience for all pupils.

In addition, the reduction in PAN forms an important part of the Trust's longer-term vision for the development of the **Chiltern Education Hub**, which will be based on the current Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge site. Creating a smaller mainstream cohort will provide greater flexibility in the use of accommodation and resources, helping to support the future delivery of a broader range of educational provision from the site. The proposal therefore represents an important step in ensuring that the site can continue to meet the changing needs of pupils and the local community while remaining educationally and financially sustainable.

Copies of the proposed arrangements can be obtained from the Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge school office or on their website:

www.maidenerleghchilternedge.co.uk

**How can you respond?**

We would like to hear your views on these proposals. Please send any comments regarding the above proposed changes by emailing:

METadmin@maidenerleghtrust.org

The consultation will take place between **10 November 2026 and 22 December 2026**.

**What happens next?**

After the consultation closes the responses will be collated and presented to the Trust Board at Maiden Erlegh Trust who will decide whether or not to proceed with the proposed changes. The admission arrangements will then be determined, and the outcome will be published on the school website by 15 March 2027.