

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Proposed admission arrangements for the 2027/28 school year**

**Djanogly Learning Trust will be changing name on 1 January 2026 to become the Tapestry Learning Partnership. This consultation outcome will be considered by the Board of Directors of the Trust in as the Admission Authority in accordance with the School Admission Appeal Code and SSFA 1998 and determined accordingly.**

Laceyfields Academy are entering a period of consultation on the Admission Policy to propose decreasing the pupil admission number (PAN). During this consultation we are proposing a decrease the PAN from 40 to an intake of 30 with effect from September 2027.

**Please note, we are not changing the priority order that places are allocated.**

To ensure we continue to provide a safe and high-quality learning environment, we are proposing to reduce our PAN. This change reflects the physical space available within the academy, the need to maintain appropriate pupil-to-adult ratios, and wider national trends.

Current UK population data shows a continued decline in birth rates, which is leading to a reduced demand for school places in many areas. Adjusting our PAN now will help us plan responsibly for the years ahead and ensure that our resources are used effectively to support all children in our community.

The present volume of applications and the local demographic trends indicates that Laceyfields will be able to accommodate the number so of children who are seeking a place at the Academy going forwards.

This has no impact on children currently attending Laceyfields Academy, or who have reserved their place in any mid-year nursery arrangements.

We have already spoken to the Derbyshire County Council who have not raised any objection to this proposal and they do not consider it will negatively impact on their obligation to secure a school place for any child in the local area.

We are holding a consultation in respect of the 2027/28 admission arrangements for Laceyfields Academy. The policy for Laceyfields Academy is available to view in the second attachment to this communication, or to download from key news pages listed below:

Laceyfields Academy: News: <https://www.laceyfieldsacademy.co.uk/stream/newsletters/full/1/-//>  
Djanogly Learning Trust: [News – Djanogly Learning Trust](https://www.djanogly.org/news/) [www.djanogly.org/news/](https://www.djanogly.org/news/)

These arrangements are for children who will be starting school for the first time in September 2027, or changing from one school to another between September 2027 and July 2028.



The consultation period on these admission arrangements runs from 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

If you have any comments or questions please contact: Holly Pickering via email [h.pickering@djangoly.org](mailto:h.pickering@djangoly.org) or phone on 01159421286, where there is the opportunity to leave a message for a call to be returned.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely

Mark Mallender

CEO, Djanogly Learning Trust