



Pupil Admission Number 160

1. Stretford Grammar School is a five form entry school for students aged 11-18 years. The pupil admission number for the school is 160 for entry into Year 7 for September 2025.
2. The school building completed in September 2021 providing six classrooms to enable all year groups to accommodate the maximum PAN of 160.
3. The Governing Body considers that the Year group is at maximum capacity at 160 and that the award of places to any further students would severely prejudice efficient education and the use of resources. This view is based on the following grounds:
 - a) It is not possible to increase the numbers in the Year group as many rooms, especially specialist rooms, are unsuitable for classes of more than 32 students and a teacher. The students grow larger as they move up the school and therefore cause a severe constraint on the rooms on which they may be timetabled.
 - b) Students are taught in 5 class groups in Year 7. In Years 8 and 9, most subjects are taught in five groups. A class size of 32 is considered to be the maximum number of students which will permit sufficient attention to be given to individuals and their particular needs. This is especially true of students who experience specific problems or have special educational needs.
 - c) Current occupation of most specialist science accommodation is over what is deemed to be full capacity use
 - d) At Key Stage 3, students are taught Science in specialist laboratories. These laboratories were designed for a maximum number of 32 students – even though they are smaller than the recommended size of a laboratory for 30 students. Any increase on these class sizes would be prejudicial to the efficient operation of health and safety in these Science laboratories. This is because the teacher would have to observe more students and because movement would be hindered by overcrowding, making spillages and accidents more likely.
 - e) Classes are reduced in size for Technology by allocating more teachers and rooms. It is our aim to restrict the maximum size to 20 but this is not always possible if the pupil admission number is exceeded. Currently, some classes exceed recommended size for Technology lessons.
 - f) Room sizes in school vary but almost none of the general classrooms conform to DfE guidelines setting out classroom size for 30 students. These rooms in fact accommodate 32 students in Year 7, with individual or double tables. It is important that students have sufficient space to be able to both see the board when the teacher is explaining the work and be able to work in groups when required.

4. The school was originally built as a 3 form entry school, so rooms and corridors were built for that size. Therefore a five form entry means that corridors and stairs are already congested/overcrowded and there is a potential risk of a serious accident.
5. Students will be disadvantaged by oversubscription and lack of appropriate teaching spaces not only in Year 7 but as they progress through the school. To remain the successful, high achieving school desired by our existing parents, it is very important that staff can continue to teach in the ways that are most conducive to achieving effective learning and academic success.
6. In the IT suite there are only 32 computers and space for no more. Therefore, already in some classes equipment is shared which is disadvantageous to students. Any more equipment would also result in health and safety issues.
7. Correspondence from Trafford in May 2025 stated "From the net capacity calculation, the minimum number of basic workspaces is 837 and the maximum is 930, giving a maximum advised admission number of 149". The School PAN is 160.

As at the time of preparing this paperwork Stretford Grammar School had 956 students on roll, including sixth form with 76 in Year 12 and 74 in Year 13. We are anticipating an increased sixth form from September 2025.

In essence the lower school is full and any spare net capacity, at present, is within the sixth form. This should be taken into account when considering numbers for the lower school.