



## Consultation

### **Reduce Fleecefield School Pupil Admission Number (PAN) from 60 to 30 as from Academic Year 2025/ 2026**

Due to falling rolls across the Borough of Enfield, including at Fleecefield Primary School and with the latest LA figures indicating there is no likelihood of figures rising in the near future, the decision has been taken by Children First Academy Trust to consult to reduce the PAN from 60 to 30 at Fleecefield Primary.

This reduction in PAN will not affect the ethos, values and success of Fleecefield Primary but will enhance the provision of education it can provide in a planned way.

Reducing the PAN will assist the school and the Trust to provide stability in its long-term planning and allow the school to continue to secure high quality educational outcomes for the pupils currently on role, while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers in line with demand.

The school will continue to look at local demand and if there appears to be a lack of school places in the future then we would consider increasing the PAN back to 60.

### **Why are we consulting?**

Academies are their own admission authority and must meet all mandatory provisions of the School Admission Codes 2014 that came in to force in December 2014 except where variations have been written into their funding agreement to support fair access.

We consult on our admission arrangements to ensure transparency and openness on the contents of our arrangements and to allow parents, carers and other stakeholders who might not previously been interested in admission arrangements (perhaps because they didn't have a child of school age) to make a representation that can then be considered as part of the determination of the arrangements.

Although the Regulations and Code of Practice relating to school admissions no longer require an admissions authority to consult when maintaining or increasing a school's PAN, there remains a requirement to consult when the proposal is to reduce a PAN. The Children First Academy Trust, as the admissions authority of Fleecefield Primary, is seeking comments on the proposed change.

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## Requirements for notification and publication

The school admissions codes states that when changes are proposed to admission arrangements, all admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements (including any supplementary information) that will apply for admission applications the following school year. Where the admission arrangements have not changed from the previous year there is no requirement to consult, subject to the requirement that admission arrangements at least once every 7 years, even if there have been no changes during that period.

Consultation must last for a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1 October and 31 January in the determination year.

## Who are we consulting with?

During this statutory consultation we want to consult with as many stakeholders as possible.

## Timetable for the Consultation Period

3rd October 2023	18 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Consultation period begins	Consultation period ends	Board of Trustees consider and make final decision

## When would the changes come into effect?

If approved, the arrangements would be introduced for September 2024 entry onwards.

## Have your say:

Please let us know your thoughts by 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023 either by:

1. Email - [admin@childrenfirsttrust.co.uk](mailto:admin@childrenfirsttrust.co.uk)
2. Post – Consultation for reduction in PAN  
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