

South Bank Multi Academy Trust

Reduction in Published Admission Numbers

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 South Bank Multi Academy Trust is consulting on the proposed reduction in Published Admission Number (PAN) for Scarcroft Primary School.
- 1.2 The consultation will run for a period of 6 weeks from 2 October 2023 to 12 November 2023. It is proposed that the reduction in PAN will take effect for admissions from September 2025-26.

2. Background

- 2.1 The current PAN for Scarcroft Primary School is 60. This means that the number of pupils admitted into the school in reception is limited to 60.
- 2.2 Historically Scarcroft Primary school had a PAN of 45.
- 2.3 The number of allocated admissions for September 2023 is 49 and reception admissions for the last 3 years were as follows:

Academic Year	Admission No
2022-23	49
2021-22	35
2020-21	49

- 2.4 As the table above illustrates the school has been the subject of falling rolls due to a reduction in birth rate.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 The Trust proposes to reduce the school's PAN from 60 back to its original PAN of 45 for September 2025-26 admissions.

3.2 This proposal creates certainty for the following reasons:

- The school can resource and staff the curriculum with certainty.
- The staffing levels will be efficient and effective.
- It reduces the disruption of in-year transfers if the school has surplus places by not operating efficiently.

4. Impact on students and teaching and learning

4.1 Staffing and resourcing the curriculum efficiently and effectively ensures that teaching and learning is of the highest quality and that children have the best possible school experience.

5. Long-term considerations

5.1 The Trust is committed to reviewing the pupil admissions number if the local demographic and context dictates a need for this in future.

5.2 Regulations also allow the school to admit a temporary excess of PAN should they wish to.

6. Equal Opportunities Implications

6.1. The other aspects of the Trust's admissions policy, which ensures fairness, inclusivity and transparency, in line with our values, remain unchanged and are outlined in the admissions policy oversubscription criteria.

7. Who will be consulted?

7.1 This consultation is for the specific attention of:

- Parents/carers.
- All other admission authorities in the local area.
- The City of York Council.
- Adjoining local authorities.
- Other external stakeholders.

8. How to respond

8.1 The consultation will run from 2 October 2023 to 12 November 2023. If you wish to get in touch please send your comments to consultation@southbanktrust.co.uk.

8.2 Following the end of the consultation period we will provide an update on the Trust's website.