



Yew Tree Primary School
Consultation for Reduction in Planned Admission Number (from 75 to 60) from
Academic Year 2022 / 2023
23rd November 2020

Context

Yew Tree Primary School increased its Planned Admission Number (PAN) in 2013 in consultation with Tameside MBC to meet a predicted increase in primary pupil numbers in the area. As a consequence of this additional space was provide at the school, funded by Tameside MBC.

The school joined Victorious Academies Trust in November 2018 and discussions have subsequently taken place at the school with both Governors, the Acting Co-Headteachers and the Senior Leadership Team over the past two years in connection with the pupil numbers and the ability of the school to plan both in connection with staffing and financially to support the needs of the pupils.

Consequently, the Trust has reached the decision to consult to reduce the PAN at the school to 60 from September 2022. This reduction in PAN will not affect the ethos, values and success of the school but will enhance the provision of education it can provide in a planned way.

Reducing the PAN will also 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 Trust and the school will continue to look at local demand and if it feels that there is a lack of school places in the future then they would consider to increase the PAN back to 75 should the need arise.

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 in to 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. Victorious Academies Trust, as the admissions authority of Yew Tree Primary School, is seeking comments on the proposed change.

Specific Proposal

This means that the maximum number of pupils intended to be admitted in Reception in 2022, and all subsequent Reception cohorts, will be 60. *For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change but the admission number for all other year groups will reduce to 60 from 2022 onwards.*



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 including:

- a) parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen;
- b) other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions;
- c) all other admission authorities within the relevant area (except that primary schools need not consult secondary schools);
- d) whichever of the governing body and the local authority who are not the admission authority; and
- e) any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority.

Our timetable for the consultation is as follows:

- Consultation period begins: 30th November 2020.
- Consultation period ends: 22nd January 2021 (8 weeks).
- Trustees consider outcome and make final decision: week commencing 25th January 2021.

When would the changes come into effect?

If approved, the arrangements would be introduced for September 2022 entry onwards.

Have your say

Please let us know your thoughts by 22nd January 2021 either by:

- Email – info@victoriousacademies.org (for the attention of Nicky Wise and including Yew Tree Primary School Consultation on Reduction in PAN in the subject header) or,
- Post – For the attention of Nicky Wise, Consultation for Admission Arrangements (Yew Tree Primary School), Victorious Academies Trust, either to the school (Yew Tree Primary School, Yew Tree Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 5BJ) or to the Trust (via c/o Inspire Academy, Mossley Road, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 9RU).

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