



30th November 2020

Dear All Parents / Carers of Pupils at Yew Tree Primary School,

**Consultation for Reduction in Planned Admission Number
(from 75 to 60) from Academic Year 2022 / 2023**

As you may be aware 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.

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.

The Trust have now 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.

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 September 2022 onwards.***

The consultation period begins on 30th November 2020 and ends on 22nd January 2021 (8 weeks). Trustees will then consider the outcome and if approved, the arrangements would be introduced for September 2022 entry onwards. To find out more please go to <https://www.victoriousacademies.org/yewtreepanconsultation/>

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, to the school or to the Trust via c/o Inspire Academy, Mossley Road, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 9RU.

If you would like any more information or have any queries, please contact the school office on 0161 338 3452.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

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