



**Consultation on a proposed reduction in the Published Admission Number for Greenfield Academy, with effect from September 2023.**

**Background**

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) at Greenfield Academy is 45. This means that the number of children admitted to the school in all year groups each year is a maximum of 45.

Greenfield Academy is proposing that there is a reduction in the PAN from September 2023 to enable school leaders to effectively plan and manage the organisation of the academy. In recent years the academy has seen a reduction in pupil numbers in all year groups and the last cohort of 45 pupils left the academy in academic year 2020/21. All current year groups in the academy are not full, with the largest being 41 pupils in the current Year 6.

Due to the PAN of 45 planning of the classes is difficult to manage and often hard to accommodate due to the physical layout of the school building. The Key Stage 2 classrooms at Greenfield Academy are not large enough to accommodate more than 30 children, and there is very little additional space to create extra classrooms currently.

Reducing the PAN will assist the Academy in providing stability to their long-term planning while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers living in the surrounding area and those who may have Special Educational Needs or come through the Fair Access process.

Greenfield Academy has reached the decision to consult to reduce the PAN to 30 from September 2023. This reduction in PAN will not affect the ethos, values and success of Greenfield Academy but will enhance the provision of education it can provide in a planned way.

**Specific Proposal**

The Academy propose to reduce total available places from 315 to 210 plus Nursery provision with effect from September 2023.

This means that the number of places available for new Reception Place applications in 2023 – and all subsequent years – will be 30. For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change; the admission number for all other years remain at the numbers on role as they progress through the academy. This is the only proposed change to the admission criteria; all other criteria, including oversubscription, will remain the same.

Factors that have been considered by the Academy in deciding to consult on this proposal include:

- The continued ability of the school to provide sufficient places for local children
- The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils thus facilitating continuing school improvement and allow them to deliver high quality educational outcomes for the pupils currently on roll
- Future resource planning and management including financial impact on staffing
- The capacity of the school buildings and site and resources management will be more effective

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- Pupil numbers in each year group being below capacity of the current PAN since 2016
- There are no pupils on the waiting list for the Academy

Greenfield Academy would be committed to reviewing the Pupil Admissions Numbers if the local demographic and context dictates a need for this in the future.

## 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.

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

## Who is being consulted?

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

- Staff at Greenfield Academy
- Parents/carers of current pupils and prospective parents of pupils
- Other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed admissions
- All other admission authorities within the local area
- The local authority
- Councillors and MPs
- Anyone else who has an interest in the proposed changes

## Timetable for the Consultation Period

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Consultation period begins

31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 - Consultation period ends

## When would the changes come into effect?

If approved, the arrangements would be introduced for September 2023 entry onwards.

## How to respond

This consultation will run until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. You are invited to submit queries or comments in writing to The Harmony Trust via [info@theharmonytrust.org](mailto:info@theharmonytrust.org)

Please mark the subject "Greenfield Academy PAN Consultation". Following the consultation period the Trust will consider all comments received and determine admission arrangements for 2023 by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

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