



Statutory Consultation on Reducing the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Kensington Avenue Primary School for the 2023/24 Academic year

Background

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) at Kensington Avenue Primary School is 90. This means that the number of children admitted to the school in reception each year is a maximum of 90.

Since 2019, Kensington Avenue Primary has admitted a significantly lower number of pupils into reception than the number of spaces available. In the surrounding 5-mile radius there are currently known to be 30 other schools with spaces in this year group.

Current published forecasts indicate that there will be a surplus number of reception places required for reception for the next five years based upon the best available birth rate data. The school has spoken with Croydon Local Authority, which does not anticipate that the numbers of children requiring school places in the planning area will increase significantly in the near future.

Who are we consulting with?

The School Admissions Code requires that all admission authorities consult where they propose to reduce a PAN. The Manor Trust, as the Admission Authority, is therefore seeking representations on the proposed change to the PAN for Kensington Avenue Primary School.

- Parents and carers of children already attending the school;
- Parents of any other children aged from birth upwards;
- School staff;
- Local primary schools, both in Croydon, Lambeth and Merton;
- Anyone else with interest or who might be affected by the proposed change.

Specific Proposal

The Manor Trust proposes to reduce the PAN at Kensington Avenue Primary School from 90 to 60 from September 2023.

This means that the maximum number of pupils intended to be admitted in Reception in 2023. For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change.

Factors that have been considered by the Trust when deciding to consult on this proposal include:

- A large portion of funding received by schools is directly related to the number of pupils attending the school. Too many vacancies mean that schools will not receive the maximum possible revenue. Therefore, the Trust is proposing to reduce the number of available places to enable the school to operate more efficiently and cost effectively.



- The school is located in the north of Croydon where there continues to be a falling demand for primary school places, resulting in a significant surplus across the area. This has meant that the reception class has not filled in the last three years.
- The total number of pupils in reception recorded by the school on the October 2021 census is 66 and is well below the current PAN of 90.

Kensington Avenue Primary School Governors and the Manor Trust believe that reducing the PAN will assist the school to provide stability in their long-term planning and allow them to deliver high quality educational outcomes for the pupils currently on roll. The reduction in PAN will ensure that an appropriate number of places are provided for future pupils, in line with forecasts.

The Manor Trust also proposes to review the oversubscription criteria and give priority to children of staff at a school in the Trust, in either of the following circumstances:

- a) The member of staff has been employed for 2 or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, or
- b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post within the Trust for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

There are no other changes being proposed.

The consultation process

This consultation will run for six weeks on the school's website from 8 November 2021–17 December 2021, after which time any representations received will be considered and a report taken to the Manor Trust board for a decision to be made on the PAN for Kensington Avenue Primary School.

Responses must be submitted or, completed and returned by 5pm on 17 December 2021.

In writing to: Consultation Response

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