

28th September 2021

To: Parents, Carers and Other Stakeholders

**TRUST IN LEARNING (ACADEMIES)
CONSULTATION STATEMENT ON THE CHANGES TO THE ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS AT
FILTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Trust in Learning (Academies), the admission authority for Filton Avenue Primary school, proposes to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for new Reception pupils from 120 to 90, to take effect from September 2023.

The proposed change is a result of a significant and continuing reduction in children of primary age in the City of Bristol. This trend is forecast to continue for another five years as the following data from the Local Authority shows:

Horfield and Lockleaze	
2020/21	300
2021/22	284
2022/23	290
2023/24	307
2024/25	257
2025/26	249

Filton Avenue Reception Place Forecast (from LA)

Year	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26
+/-	88	90	95	80	77

As existing parents and carers you will know that our provision is on two sites – Lockleaze Road and at Orchard Campus and unfortunately this exacerbates the issues we are facing. As of now there is sufficient accommodation on the Lockleaze Road site to accommodate all of our children and this will not change over the coming years. Therefore, in addition to consulting on this proposed change to the school's admission number, a separate consultation is being undertaken on the closure of the Orchard Campus

site from September 2022. Further information on this consultation can be found on both the Trust and the school's websites.

There will be no other changes to the admission arrangements. All current and future parents and any other interested stakeholders can make comments on this proposal, information on how to do this is detailed at the end of this letter, under the section titled "How to make your views known."

Background

Across both sites of Filton Avenue Primary School at the time of writing we have in total 680 pupils and yet our capacity with the current PAN of 120 is 840. This represents a significant difference that we have to address and as many will know we have already had to place all of our Reception pupils at Lockleaze Road.

Why? Well quite simply by running both sites with the current and future forecasted pupil numbers we are not using public monies as well as we could with just one site. Running the two sites in effect means we are subsidizing the provision at Orchard Campus and therefore the amount of money we have for the learning of each child in the school is reduced. With all the pupils on one site there will be more resources for all. We have tried over the last three years to manage the situation as best we can, but the numbers going forwards demonstrates that the school will be losing over £200,000 per year, within two years. This is money that could or will be spent on all of our pupils if this proposal is supported.

Specific Proposal

The Trust proposes to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 120 to 90 with effect from September 2023. This means that the number of school places for pupils wishing to request a place to attend Filton Avenue Primary School in Reception in 2023 will be 90, as will all subsequent Reception cohorts thereafter. For pupils who already have a place at Filton Avenue Primary School in other year groups, there will be no change. This is the only proposed change to the admissions criteria; all other criteria will remain the same.

It is important to the Trust in Learning (Academies) Board to consider the views of our parents and wider community. If you would like to contribute to the consultation, please complete the Stakeholder Response Form available on our website or the website of the school.

How to make your views known

The consultation will run from Tuesday 28th September 2021 until midday on Friday 12th November 2021. All stakeholders are invited to submit their views via an electronic response form which can be found by following the link below: -

[Consultation to reduce the Published Admission Number](#)

Alternatively, comments can be made in writing about the proposal to:

PAN Consultation
Trust in Learning (Academies)
Teyfant Road
Bristol
BS13 0RG

For the duration of the consultation the Trust in Learning (Academies) and Filton Avenue Primary School websites will display the following:

- Parent/Stakeholder letter
- Consultation statement
- Stakeholder Response Form

School website: www.filtonavenue.com

Trust website: www.tilacademies.co.uk

Stakeholders are deemed to be:

- Parents and carers of children aged between 3 and 11 years of age
- All other admission authorities within the relevant area
- Bristol City Council Local Authority
- Any adjoining local admission authorities where the admission authority is the local authority
- Other persons in the local area who may have an interest in the proposed new arrangements

As set out in the Schools Admissions Code, we are entering into a period of consultation that will run from Tuesday 28th September 2021 and end at mid-day on Friday 12th November 2021. Following the consultation, the directors of the Trust will apply to the Regional Schools Commissioner to make a decision, on behalf of the secretary of State.

Further information about Trust in Learning (Academies) can be found at: www.tilacademies.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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