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Wednesday, 25 November 2020

Dear stakeholder,

Consultation on a proposed reduction in the published admission number (PAN) for Green Lane Church of England Primary School, with effect from September 2022

Length of consultation: 6 weeks, ending on Wednesday 6 January 2021

Preface

Admission authorities must have determined their admissions arrangements for entry in September 2022 by the end of February 2021.

As a maintained school, the local authority, Durham County Council is our admissions authority and as such must ensure that:

1. consultation lasts for a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1 October 2020 and 31 January 2021.
2. we consult with:
 - a. parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen;
 - b. other persons in the relevant area who may have an interest in the proposed admissions;
 - c. all other admission authorities within the relevant area;
 - d. the local authority
3. for the duration of the consultation period, a copy of our full proposed admission arrangements (including the proposed PAN) is published on our website together with details of the person within the admission authority to whom comments may be sent and the areas on which comments are not sought.
4. send upon request a copy of the proposed admission arrangements to any of the persons or bodies listed above inviting comment.

Proposal

To decrease the published admission number from 38 pupils to 30 pupils.

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. Green Lane CE Primary School is seeking comments on this proposed change.

Background

An admission number of 38 means that the school would have to operate mixed age classes which is not conducive to best practice in the teaching of the primary

curriculum and something we would like to avoid in the future in the best interests of the children.

Specifics of the Proposal

Green Lane CE Primary School proposes to reduce the published admission number of the school from 38 to 30 with effect from September 2022.

This means that the number of places available for children in Reception in 2022 – 2023 and all subsequent Reception cohorts – will be a maximum of 30. For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change.

Comments are sought only in relation to the proposed change of published admission number and not any other aspect of the admissions arrangements.

Green Lane CE Primary School follows the Durham County Council Local Authority Agreed School Admissions Arrangements and will continue to do so. The latest copy of this document is available on their website.

How to Respond

This consultation will run from 25 November 2020 to 6 January 2021 and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to: Miss Kim Hall, Business Manager, Green Lane CE Primary School, Green Lane, Barnard Castle DL12 8LG. Please send any comments by 6 January 2021.

Following the consultation period, the school and admission authority will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Admission arrangements for 2022/23 will be determined by the end of February 2021 and any subsequent objections would need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator.

Yours Sincerely



Mr R Goffee
Headteacher