



Green Lane Primary School

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Statutory consultation on the proposed reduction in Published Admission Number for Green Lane Primary School for the 2024/25 academic year

Background

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

When planning primary school places in Bradford, the District is split into 26 primary school planning areas. Green Lane Primary School sits in the North West 4 planning area.

In recent years across the Bradford District, there has been a significant reduction in the number of younger children registered with the NHS. This has led to a high level of surplus places in some of the primary school planning areas, including North West 4.

According to data from the Office of National Statistics (ONS), the number of live births nationally has fallen in five of the last seven years, with the total number of live births in 2020 being the fewest since 2002. Given the falling number of births nationally and across the District, there has been a significant reduction in the number of reception places required across this planning area; the Council does not anticipate that there will be a significant increase in the number of places required in the near future.

The number of Reception pupils at Green Lane Primary School, as recorded in the January school census, has not reached 90 pupils for any of the cohorts currently at the school, i.e. not since before 2016/17. On average over this span, there have been 17 surplus Reception places at that point in the school year.

On National Offer Day, 47 children were allocated to start Reception at the school in September 2022. This number had decreased to 44 by the October 2022 school census.

Across the North West 4 planning area, there were 330 reception places available, with the total number of places allocated on National Offer Day being 255.

The proposed PAN reduction will provide 300 places in the planning area. Current published forecasts indicate that the number of places required in Reception for the next four intake years across North West 4 are:

2023/24:	264
2024/25:	261
2025/26:	264
2026/27:	281

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The Local Authority's forecast information has been used to model the school's budget over the next five years. This process showed that if the PAN remains at 90 the school is likely to face financial difficulty. The proposed PAN reduction will help to ensure the school maintains a financially stable position.

The School Admissions Code requires that all admission authorities consult where they propose to reduce a PAN. As the Admission Authority, Priestley Academy Trust is seeking representations on the proposed change to the PAN for Green Lane Primary School.

In accordance with the School Admissions Code (2021), Priestley Academy Trust is consulting with key stakeholders, including:

- Parents/carers of current pupils and prospective parents of pupils
- Bradford Council (the Local Authority in which the school is situated)
- All other Admission Authorities within the District
- Neighbouring Local Authorities
- Councillors and MPs
- Trade Unions
- Anyone else who has an interest in the proposed changes

A copy will be sent to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator and the proposal will be published on the school's website.

This consultation will run for six weeks from Friday 2nd December 2022 until Tuesday 31st January 2023, after which time any representations received will be considered and a report taken to Priestley Academy Trust for a decision to be made on the PAN for Green Lane Primary School.

Specific Proposal

Green Lane Primary School propose to reduce the PAN from 90 to 60 from 1 September 2024.

This means that the maximum number of pupils intended to be admitted in Reception in 2024, 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.

Factors that have been considered by the Priestley Academy 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 school 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 North West 4 planning area, where there continues to be a falling demand for primary school places, resulting in a significant surplus across the area.
- The total number of pupils from Reception to Year 6 recorded by the school on the October 2022 census was 527, which is below the current capacity of 638.
- Due to the lower numbers of younger children registered with the NHS who will require a school place in the coming years, the Council expects that there will be sufficient school places available for local children if the PAN is reduced. If agreed, the overall PAN for the North West 4 planning area will be 300 from 2024.
- Green Lane Primary School, Priestley Academy Trust and the Council will look creatively at solutions in the future, should there be a rise in birth rates and a shortage of school places in the North West 4 planning area – eg a bulge intake.

Priestley Academy Trust believe that reducing the PAN at Green Lane Primary School will provide stability for the school's long-term planning and allow it to continue 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.

Any representations should be made on the online survey at <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/GreenLane> or scan this QR code:



Alternatively, if you would prefer a paper copy of the response form, please contact the school office or email greenlane@priestley.academy. Completed paper response forms can be returned to the address on the form or handed in to the school office.

