

Consultation

Reduce Hazelbury Primary School Pupil Admission Number (PAN) from 150 to 120 as from Academic Year 2026/ 2027

Hazelbury Primary School is adapting to changing pupil numbers, reflecting wider trends across the London Borough of Enfield. In response, the Connect Education Trust has decided to consult on reducing the school's Published Admission Number (PAN) to 120 from September 2026. This adjustment is designed to enhance the quality of education provided in a thoughtful and strategic manner.

The reduction in PAN will not impact the school's ethos, values, or success. Instead, it will allow for more focused long-term planning and ensure continued high-quality educational outcomes for current students. At the same time, the school will remain responsive to future demand, providing the appropriate number of places in line with community needs.

If local demand increases in the future, the school is open to raising the PAN back to 150 to ensure all children have access to the exceptional education offered at Hazelbury Primary School.

Why are we consulting?

Academies are their own admission authority and must meet all mandatory provisions of the School Admission Codes 2014 that came in to force in December 2014 except where variations have been written in to their funding agreement to support fair access.

We consult on our admission arrangements to ensure transparency and openness on the contents of our arrangements and to allow parents, carers and other stakeholders who might not previously been interested in admission arrangements (perhaps because they didn't have a child of school age) to make a representation that can then be considered as part of the determination of the arrangements.

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. The Connect Trust, as the admissions authority of Hazelbury Primary, is seeking comments on the proposed change.

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, subject to the requirement that admission arrangements at least once every 7 years, even if there have been no changes during that period.

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

Who are we consulting with?

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

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Timetable for the Consultation Period

16 th October 2024	27 th November 2024	December 2024
Consultation period begins	Consultation period ends	Board of Trustees consider and make final decision

When would the changes come into effect?

If approved, the arrangements would be introduced for September 2026 entry onwards.

Have your say

Please let us know your thoughts by 27th November 2024 either by:

- Email - contactus@connectededucationtrust.org or,
- Post - Consultation for Admission Arrangements, Chesterfield Primary School, Chesterfield Road, EN3 6BG

