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Published Admissions Number (PAN) Consultation

Consulting all stake holders on a proposed reduction in the published admission number (PAN) for Rainbow Primary School with effect from September 2019.

Please write any comments here:

Name

I have a child in Year.....Class.....

Optional – contact details.....



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Dear Parent / Carer

Published Admission Number (PAN) Consultation

I have provided some initial information for you with respect to a proposed reduction to Rainbow Primary School **PAN** from 75 to 60 across all year groups.

It is vitally important for us that we take into account the views of our Parents and Carers on our proposed changes. We are therefore inviting you to provide your valuable feedback to us by using the attached form [see below] and return the form to the school office or let us know your views via the following email address:

maxine.muff@rainbowschools.org.uk

In addition to the above opportunities, we invite you to a consultation meeting at Rainbow Primary School on:

Thursday 16th Nov - 3.15pm – 4.00pm

At the meeting, I will be available with our Head of School Ms. Ngenda and Mrs. Maxine Muff our School Business Manager to discuss our plans further and respond to any further questions you may have in person.

PLEASE SEE PROPOSAL DETAILS INSIDE.

Yours sincerely

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Consultation on the proposed [reduction] in the published admission number (PAN) for Rainbow Free School - with effect from September 2019

Background

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for Rainbow Primary School is 75. This means that the number of children that can be admitted into the school at Year R [Reception] each year is 75.

Under the terms of the Academy's Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education, the overall capacity of the Academy (maximum Number on Roll) has been set at a final Roll of 525 made up of 75 children in each year group from Reception to Year 6.

Historically, the School has been dealing with exceptionally high levels of pupil mobility making it very difficult to effectively plan the number of classes and teaching staff every year. In addition more than 30% of pupils currently attending our school are new to the English Language and new to the Country. Rainbow Schools Trust is committed to developing its provision to meet the pupils needs. Reducing the PAN will enable the school to better deploy its resources to improve overall outcomes for pupils and raise standards. Reducing the PAN will also assist the Trust in its long-term planning to assess and potentially support any changes, while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers to support local demand.

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 Rainbow Schools Trust, as the admissions authority, is therefore seeking comments on the proposed change.

Specific Proposal

The Rainbow Schools Trust proposes to reduce the published admission number of the school from 75 to 60, across all year groups, with immediate effect from September 2019.

This means that the number of places available for children in all Year groups in 2019 – will be 60. For children who already have a place at the school will not be affected.

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

- Improving outcomes for pupils;
- Class sizes;
- The capacity of the school building;
- Ethos and the provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils including those with additional needs;
- The learning needs of all pupils;
- Parental choice and equality of opportunity;
- Pupil mobility – the impact on learning where new pupils are able to apply for a place at Rainbow throughout the academic year.
- Future resource planning and management

How to Respond

This consultation will run from 20th Oct 2017 to 1st Dec 2017 and you are invited to submit your comments in writing to Maxine Muff the School Business Manager. Please send any comments by 1st Dec 2017 **or you may choose to attend the public consultation on 16th Nov 2017 to share your views in person.**

Following the consultation the Trust will consider all comments received and agree to a final position on the PAN in its meeting in February 2018 which will help determine the admission arrangements for 2019 and beyond.



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