**Proposal: Reduce the Published Admission Number at Paisley Primary School from 50 to 45.**

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) at Paisley Primary School is 50. This means that the number of children admitted to the school in Reception each year is a maximum of 50.

**Paisley Primary School and The Constellation Trust are proposing to reduce the PAN to 45.** This proposal would mean that the maximum number of pupils intended to be admitted in Reception in 2025, and all subsequent Reception cohorts, will be 45.

Currently, the net capacity of the school is 350, made up of 50 places in each year from Reception to Year 6. However, currently there are 326 children, due to a decrease in pupil numbers over the past 4 years.

When planning primary school places, The City of Hull is split into 8 planning areas. Paisley Primary in the West of the city is situated in the Riverside area. According to Local Authority data, there has been a decline in pupil numbers admitted into Reception in recent years across the Riverside Area, falling from 522 places in 2016/17 to 467 places in 2021/22. Over the same period at Paisley Primary, admissions into Reception fell from 50 to 37.

Current published forecasts indicate that there will continue to be surplus places across the Riverside area over the next 3 years, with an estimate of 81 surplus places by 2026/27. Forecasts also show the numbers of Reception places required at Paisley for the next 3 intakes remain below the current PAN of 50.

Forecasts for Reception places at Paisley are as follows:

2024/25: 38

2025/26: 40

2026/27: 40

In addition to Reception surplus places, the number of pupils on roll across the school from Y1 to Y6 have declined over the past 4 years. However, the current PAN of 50 has meant that the school has had to take additional pupils during the year through Fair Access or in-year allocations (in 22/23, there were 27 in-year allocations, including 12 into Year 1). This causes instability and has resulted in class sizes which exceed 30, including at Key Stage 1.

Current pupil numbers on roll:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| 47 | 48 | 48 | 51 | 36 | 50 | 46 |

Class organisation:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| R | R | Y1/2 | Y1/2 | Y1/2 | Y3 | Y3/4 | Y4 | Y5/6 | Y5/6 | Y5/6 |
| 23 | 24 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 29 | 30 | 29 | 32 | 33 | 31 |

The school has used the Local Authority Reception places forecast information to model the school budget over the next five years to make an informed decision on its future. The school has considered the following three options:

a) Do nothing and keep the PAN at 50 – The Reception classes are not forecast to fill to 50, meaning the school will not receive the maximum funding to enable additional teaching groups. There would be an expectation that the school can still take up to 50 pupils throughout the whole intake year. This may continue to result in a high number of in-year allocations that could potentially require changes to class organisation during the school year which is detrimental to the pupils and the school. A PAN of 50 regularly results in class sizes exceeding 30 but doesn’t allow for the creation of an additional class.

b) Increase the PAN to 60 – This would allow the creation of a 4th class in each year group, leading to single year groups with class sizes that do not exceed 30. However, all year groups are currently well below a PAN of 60. Pupil forecasts for the school and the Riverside area do not support an increase in pupil numbers. This would cause further instability in forward planning as there would an ongoing risk of not filling all school places which would result in financial instability. It would also create additional pressure on the school buildings and facilities.

c) Reduce the PAN to 45 - There will be sufficient places to meet the forecasted demand for places. The school will plan the curriculum for 3 mixed aged classes per phase, with the understanding that classes should remain stable and not need to be reorganised during the school year. This will maintain classes of no more than 30 pupils. Funding received for the number of pupils on roll should be sufficient for the level of staffing required for mixed aged classes. The school is already modelled on a 45 PAN due to current number of children on roll. This will enable the school to remain economically viable whilst offering a high-quality education for all children.

After considering the 3 options, option C to reduce the PAN to 45, is considered the most suitable option for the school.

The School Admissions Code requires that all admission authorities consult where they propose to reduce a PAN. Paisley Primary School and The Constellation Trust are therefore seeking representations on the proposed change to the PAN for Paisley Primary School in Kingston Upon Hull.

The consultation is open from 6th November 2023 until 21st December 2023.

Responses can by completing the response form and returning to the following address:

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