

Amendment of Published Admissions Number (PAN) for Bellenden Primary School

Southwark Council as the Admissions Authority for Bellenden Primary School is consulting on an in-year variation to the admission arrangements for 2019/20. This proposal is part of a wider undertaking by the council to right-size our Published Admissions Numbers ("PANs"), due to falling rolls across the borough. The "PAN" is the maximum number of pupils that the Admission Authority will admit to reception each year. Bellenden Primary School is located on Dewar Street, London SE15 4PF, within the London Borough of Southwark.

The Local Authority is proposing to decrease the schools published admission number to Reception from 60 to 30 for the academic year 2019/20.

In accordance with the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012, Southwark Local Authority is consulting on a proposal to decrease the Published Admission Number (PAN) for the 2019/20 academic year, from the current PAN of **60** pupils to a new PAN of **30** pupils for 2019/20. This would apply to each reception intake from 2019 onwards, and not to children already in existing classes in the school

An expansion of Bellenden Primary School was proposed as demand for places in the Peckham and Nunhead planning area had been projected to increase. Bellenden Primary School was formally expanded from 30 places to 60 places from September 2016 to meet the anticipated demand for places projected however, in September 2016, only 35 pupils started the reception class and this reduced to 27 in September 2017. This year, the school filled 29 out of 60 reception places available for September 2018. It will be financially difficult in the long term for the school to arrange the reception cohort over two classes for the academic year, as it is unlikely that the school will fill 60 reception places. The proposal would enable school leaders to better plan and deliver more realistically by ensuring that the school has a stable number of pupils attending the school, and ensuring that local provision is the right size to meet demand. As such, we are seeking an in-year variation that will see the reception number for Bellenden Primary School reduced from **60** to **30** from September 2019 onwards

The reduction of the reception number for Bellenden Primary School will not lead to a shortage of school places in the planning area, given that there are already 150 spare reception places (20%) in the Peckham and Nunhead planning area. There are places available at the school, and other primary schools within the planning area to accommodate any in-year demand for a school place. There will be no costs to schools as regards the PAN reduction, there will be an administrative cost to the local authority - long term value for money will be achieved by ensuring that the school is the right size to reflect local demand. We will continue to monitor the situation and act accordingly to reprovide places if the situation changes.

Your views on this proposal are important to us. The Local Authority would like to hear the views of anyone who feels they might be affected by this proposed reduction to the Published Admission Number. Therefore we are consulting with parents, carers, governors, local councillors and other stakeholders. We will collate and present all feedback from this consultation to the Cabinet of the Council in January 2019 for decision, and if agreed, will then approach the Office of the Schools Adjudicator (OSA) for approval to amend the PAN of the school with effect from September 2019 thereafter.

You should provide any feedback using the contact details below:

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- In writing to: Ric Euteneuer, Principal Strategy Officer (School Place Planning), Southwark Council, PO Box 64529. LONDON, **SE1P 5LX**

The consultation period is 21st November 2018 – 21st December 2018 inclusive.

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