



CONSULTATION ON OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR BRENT COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOR 2020/2021 ENTRY

October 2018

Introduction

1. In accordance with the School Admission (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012 the admission authorities for schools located in the London Borough of Brent are required to consult where changes are proposed to admission arrangements. A consultation period must run for a minimum of 6 weeks and take place between 1 October and 31 January of the year before those arrangements are to apply.
2. This consultation starts on Monday 29 October 2018 and will end on Monday 10 December 2018 and applies to admission to the academic year from September 2020 until August 2021.
3. Brent Council is the admission authority for 30 community primary schools in the borough. These are indicated below with their proposed Published Admission Number (PAN) for 2020 Admission.

Community Primary Schools 2020/21 Academic Year	PAN
Anson Primary School	52
Barham Primary School	120
Brentfield Primary School	90
Byron Court Primary School	150
Carlton Vale Infant School	60
Chalkhill Primary School	60
Donnington Primary School	30
Elsley Primary School	120
Fryent Primary School	120
Harlesden Primary School	60
Kingsbury Green Primary School	90
Leopold Primary School	120
Lyon Park Primary School	120
Malorees Infant School	60
Mitchell Brook Primary School	90
Mora Primary School	60
Mount Stewart Infant School	90
Mount Stewart Junior School	90
Newfield Primary School	60
Northview Primary School	30
Oliver Goldsmith Primary School	60

Park Lane Primary School	60
Preston Park Primary School	120
Roe Green Infant School	150
Roe Green Junior School	120
Salisbury Primary School	90
Stonebridge Primary School	90
Uxendon Manor Primary School	90
Wembley Primary School	120
Wykeham Primary School	60

Feedback

4. The council invites feedback in writing on the two proposals outlined below. Feedback should be submitted on the form provided and posted to Michael Rollin, Admissions Consultation, PO Box 1057, Wembley, HA9 1HJ or e-mailed to school.admissions@brent.gov.uk
5. Proposed admission arrangements will apply only to those schools listed above. No other changes to admission arrangements are proposed. The full proposed admission arrangements for 2020/21 accompany this consultation paper.

Proposal 1 – Priority for children adopted from state care outside of England

Background

6. On 4 December 2017, the Minister of State for School Standards wrote to all local authorities and admission authorities asking them to consider giving priority in their oversubscription criteria to children who have previously been in state care outside of England, and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. When the opportunity arises, the Minister intends to amend the School Admissions Code to ensure that children who were previously in state care outside of England, and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted, also receive the same highest priority for admission into a school in England. Until such a time, admission authorities are asked to consider introducing an oversubscription criterion to give these children second highest priority for admission into school, subject to consultation.
7. On the basis that such children are vulnerable as they may have experienced abuse and neglect prior to being adopted, the Department for Education is of the view that these children should be put on an equal footing for the purposes of admission into school with those children who are looked after and previously looked after by a local authority in England. The Department for Education encourages admission authorities to introduce a priority for such children in their admission arrangements now so that it provides the maximum benefit possible for the children concerned, and until changes are formalised in the School Admissions Code.
8. The local authority is proposing to include a priority in its oversubscription criteria for children who were previously in state care outside of England, and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. The priority will come after the existing priority for looked after children, or previously looked after children and before all other criteria.

Oversubscription Criterion

9. It is proposed that a new criterion be added to the oversubscription criteria as follows:
 - 1) A 'looked after child' or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order.
 - 2) **Children who appear to Brent Council to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.**
 - 3) Children attending an infant school on the same site as a junior school.
 - 4) Exceptional circumstances to do with significant medical needs and or social needs.
 - 5) Brothers or sisters of a child who attends the school, or an infant or junior school on the same or adjoining site, *living in the catchment area of the school* and who will continue to do so on the date of admission.
 - 6) Children whose parent is a member of staff who has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application or has been recruited to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

- 7) Children living within the school's catchment area.
- 8) Brothers or sisters of a child who attends the school, or an infant or junior school on the same or adjoining site, and who will continue to do so on the date of admission.
- 9) All other applicants.

Proposal 2 – To reduce the published admission number (PAN) for Harlesden Primary School and Uxendon Manor Primary School

Background

10. All admission authorities must consult where they propose a PAN decrease. It is proposed to reduce the admission number of the schools set out in the table below. The proposed reductions are in response to concerns raised by the relevant schools that their admission numbers are currently too high given recent patterns of demand.

School	Existing PAN (2018/19 and 2019/20)	Proposed PAN (2020/21)	Reception Offers for September 2018	Reception Numbers on roll January 2018
Harlesden Primary School	90	60	58	52
Uxendon Manor Primary School	120	90	102	74

11. Harlesden Primary School is a three form entry primary school with a PAN of 90 in the Reception year group, located in Primary Planning Area 4. The school was expanded by two forms of entry from a PAN of 30 in 2014 in response to increased demand in the area. Demand in the area has reduced and the school regularly admits around 60 pupils. The school has requested a reduction to its PAN to 60 as the school is undersubscribed each year, which presents challenges for the school's budget in terms of the ratio of pupil funding to teaching staff. There would be sufficient places in Primary Planning Area 4 for forecast Reception demand if the school's PAN reduced.
12. Uxendon Manor Primary School is a four form entry primary school with a PAN of 120 in the Reception year group, located in Primary Planning Area 2. The school was expanded by two forms of entry from a PAN of 60 in 2015 in response to increased demand in the area. Demand in the area has reduced. The school has requested a reduction to its PAN to 90 as the school is undersubscribed each year, which presents challenges for the school's budget in terms of the ratio of pupil funding to teaching staff. There would be sufficient places in Primary Planning Area 2 for forecast Reception demand if the school's PAN reduced.
13. In all cases above, the PAN could be increased in the future without the need to consult.



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Consultation Response Form

Proposal 1 – Give admissions priority for children adopted from state care outside of England

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to give admissions priority to children adopted from state care outside of England? (tick as appropriate)

- Agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Disagree
- Don't Know

Proposal 2 – To reduce the published admission number for Harlesden Primary School and Uxendon Manor Primary School

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to reduce the published admission number for Harlesden Primary School and Uxendon Manor Primary School? (tick as appropriate)

- Agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Disagree
- Don't Know

Please use the space below for any other comments you would like to make about the proposed changes to the admission criteria.

Your response should be submitted by **Monday 10 December 2018** to:
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or e-mailed to school.admissions@brent.gov.uk