



HORNCHURCH ACADEMY TRUST

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2nd October 2023

Dear Colleagues

Hornchurch Academy Trust as the Admissions Authority for Shears Green Infant School is consulting upon a reduction to the PAN admission arrangements from 2025/26. Shears Green Infant School is located in the borough of Kent.

Hornchurch Academy Trust is proposing to decrease the schools published admission number for the academic year 2025/2026.

In accordance with the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012, **Hornchurch Academy Trust is consulting on a proposal to decrease the Published Admission Number (PAN) for the 2025/26 academic year, from the current PAN of 120 pupils to a new PAN of 90 pupils for 2025/26.**

The proposed reduction will not affect any child currently on roll at the school.

Shears Green Infant School is in the Gravesend West Planning area. The school is currently 4FE, however for the last three years has been undersubscribed on National Offer Day. All current planning data¹ further indicates falling projections between 2023 and 2027. This means that it is financially unviable for the school to continue to arrange the reception cohort over four classes.

It will be financially unviable for the school to arrange the reception cohort over four classes for the academic year, as it is very unlikely that the school will fill to 120. As such, we are seeking a reduction to PAN that will see the reception number for Shears Green Infant School reduced from 120 to 90 for September 2025. Reducing the PAN for 2025/26 will prevent additional and continual financial burdens being placed on school that are unsustainable.

Hornchurch Academy Trust want to hear the views of everyone who feels they might be affected by this proposed reduction to the Published Admission Number and therefore we are consulting with;-

- a) parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen;

¹ <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/education-provision/education-provision-plan>





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- b) other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions;
- c) All other admission authorities within the relevant area (except that primary schools need not consult secondary schools);
- d) whichever of the governing body and the local authority who are not the admission authority;
- e) any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority; and

You can provide any feedback by:

- Email – office@shears-green-infant.kent.sch.uk (FAO: Mr C W Hobson)
- Phone – Mr C W Hobson (CEO) Hornchurch Academy Trust 01708 552870

The consultation period is 2nd October 2023– 10th November 2023 inclusive.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C W Hobson
CEO - Hornchurch Academy Trust

