



30th November 2023

Consultation on Reduction in Published Admission Number for entry from Autumn 2025, at Mercenfeld Primary School, Markfield

Bradgate Education Partnership ("the Trust") is the admissions authority for schools in the multi-academy trust and is required to comply with the [School Admissions Code](#) 2021 ("the Code").

The Trust is consulting on the proposed temporary reduction of the Published Admission Number (PAN) for entry into Reception year at Mercenfeld Primary School, Markfield – from **50** down to **30**.

The rationale for the proposed change is to support the school's financial sustainability, give greater stability to the school's planning and to enable the school and LA to appropriately manage pupil places. A fall in birth rates locally has resulted in a reduction in pupil numbers at Mercenfeld Primary School. In addition, Local Authority pupil forecast data indicates that pupil numbers coming into the school will remain low in the coming years.

The reduction in the admission number will only be temporary until such a time either births increase or the demand for school places increases. No other changes or amendments are proposed.

Proposal

Bradgate Education Partnership proposes that Mercenfeld Primary School has a temporary Published Admissions Number (PAN) of **30** for admissions from Autumn 2025, to remain in place until such time as birthrate increases or applications increase as a result of housing gains in the area.

The Trust is required to consult with local communities on the proposal, as required by the School Admissions Code. We are therefore beginning a six school week consultation period on **Friday 1st December 2023** which will run until **Friday 26th January 2024**.

You can view our proposed revised admissions policy on www.bepschools.com, or on the school website at www.mercenfeld.bepschools.org.

If you have any comments to make on this proposal, please contact the Trust via email to info@bepschools.org or by post to Bradgate Education Partnership, Parkstone Road, Syston, Leicester LE7 1LY. Your comments should arrive on or before Friday 26th January 2024 and be marked **for the attention of the Governance Lead**.

For a paper copy of the consultation document or proposed policy please contact Bradgate Education Partnership, tel 0116 4783426 option 3 or email info@bepschools.org.