



CONSULTATION TO REDUCE THE PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER AT SPRINGSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Prestolee Multi Academy Trust are consulting on proposals to reduce their published admission number for Springside Primary School with effect from 1 September 2027. Please can you arrange for the information to be shared with any parents, carers and external stakeholders who may be interested in the changes to the policy. The consultation period will run from 1 October 2025 to 19 November 2025. Any comments received during this period will be considered by the Academy Trust.

All comments are to be sent directly to the trust at enquiries@prestoleetrust.org.

Consultation on a proposed reduction in the published admission number (PAN) for Springside Primary School with effect from September 2027

The Schools Admissions Code 2021 sets out a requirement for all Admission Authorities to undertake statutory consultation where they propose a reduction to the Published Admission Number (PAN) of a school. The purpose of consultation is to ensure transparency and openness on the contents of a proposal and allow parents, carers and other interested stakeholders to make a representation that will be considered as part of the determination of the proposal.

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for **Springside Primary School** is 35. Reducing the PAN at the school will assist the school to provide stability in its long-term planning and allow the school to continue to secure high quality educational outcomes for the students currently on roll, while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers in-line with demand.

Representations and recommendations from the consultation exercise will be considered before making any decisions on the proposals.

Springside Primary School propose to reduce the published admission number of the school from 35 to 30 for Reception Year with effect from September 2027 onwards. This means that the number of places available for children in Year R in 2027 – and all subsequent Year R cohorts will be 30.

This is the only proposed change, the oversubscription criteria will remain the same, which is:

1. Children in public care (Looked After Children) and previously looked after children (1). Category
2. Children who have an older brother or sister in the school. For this purpose, a brother or sister may be a full or stepbrother or a full or stepsister, living at the same address, at the time of admission. Category
3. Any other children based on proximity to the school, measured by a straight-line distance from home to school.

If there is over-subscription in any category, places will be offered using a straight-line distance measurement from home to school. The distance will be measured using the Local Authority's computerised mapping system, which measures from the address point of the home property to the address point of the school as defined by Bury Council's LLPG (Local Land and Property Gazetteer). Where the final place in a year group can be taken by two or more children living an equal distance from the school, (for example two children living in the same block of flats) the Local Authority will then use random allocation to decide which of the children can be offered a place.

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Who are we consulting with

We are seeking views from:

1. Parents in our borough who have children between the ages of two and eighteen
2. Other persons in our borough who the Local Authority believes will have an interest in the proposed admissions
3. All other admission authorities within the borough
4. Governing bodies in the borough (who are not admission authorities)
5. Our adjoining/neighbouring local authorities
6. The bodies representing the religions/religious denomination of the faith schools in our borough

Consultation timetable

1 October 2025	Consultation opens.
19 November 2025	End of consultation period and deadline for submitting responses to the Local Authority.
31 December 2025	Analysis of consultation representations and preparation of information to be considered by the School/LA.
28 February 2026	Formal determination of admission arrangements.
15 March 2026	Publication of determined admission arrangements.

How to respond

This consultation will run from 1 September 2025 to 19 November (a period of six term time weeks). You are invited to submit responses about the proposal above to the Trust or School by:

- email – enquiries@prestoleetrust.org
- school – Springside Primary School, Springside Road, Walmersley, Bury, BL9 5JB.
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Responses must be received no later than 5pm on 19 November 2025. Responses received after this time and date may not be considered.

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