

Amendment of Published Admissions Number (PAN) for Lambeth Primary Schools

Lambeth Council, as the Admissions Authority for community schools are providing notice of a proposed change to the determined admission arrangements for 2021/22.

This proposal is part of a wider undertaking by the council to reduce Published Admissions Numbers (PANs) due to falling population across the borough. The PAN is the maximum number of pupils that the school can admit into its Reception classes each year.

| School | 2021/22 Previous | 2021/22 Revised | Address |
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| Richard Atkins Primary School | 45 | 30 | New Park Road, SW2 4JP |
| Kingswood Primary School | 90 | 60 | Gipsy Road, SE27 9RD |
| Loughborough Primary School | 60 | 30 | Minet Road, SW9 7UA |
| Sudbourne Primary School | 90 | 45 | Hayter Road, SW2 5AP |

The Local Authority is proposing to decrease the previously published admission numbers for 2021/22 to a new lower PAN.

This is in accordance with the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012. This would apply to each Reception intake from 2021 onwards and not to children already in the school.

There was an increase in demand for Reception places in Lambeth schools between 2009 and 2014 and Lambeth built, refurbished and redeveloped schools across the borough to account for the fast-growing resident population. More recently a range of factors have occurred, including a drop in the number of births, lower fertility rates, the impact of welfare reform and the impact of the uncertainty of Brexit on migration that have led to a year-on-year fall in Reception numbers, which is expected to continue until 2024/25.

Given that there are already spare Reception places in schools in the local areas, there will be no discernible effect on other primary schools within the locality and will not lead to a shortage of school places in the area.

There are places available at other schools within the area that can accommodate in-year demand for a school place. In the long-term it is financially unviable for a school if it doesn't fill up so long term value for money will be achieved by ensuring that the schools are the right size to reflect local demand.

Your views on this proposal are important to us and will be presented to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator (OSA) for approval. Lambeth Council want to hear the views of everyone who feels they might be affected by this proposed reduction to the Published Admission Number.

You can provide your feedback by email, with the subject "2021 Variations" to:
schooladmissions@lambeth.gov.uk
 or call on 020 7926 9503

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