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ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION 2027-28

Leesons Primary School (Reduction in Published Admission Number)

CONSULTATION ON A PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER (PAN) AT LEESONS PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 2027.

Leesons Primary School (LPS) is part of Spring Trust and, as the admissions authority, the Trust is consulting and seeking comments on a proposal to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) at LPS, Leesons Hill, Orpington, BR5 2GA from 60 to 30 from September 2027 and for all subsequent cohorts.

Arrangements will remain the same in other year groups as they pass through the school. The proposed Admissions Arrangements 2027 can be found by clicking [here](#) or by visiting the 'Announcement' section of the Trust website, or the Admissions section of the LPS website.

BACKGROUND

The proposed variation is that the published admissions (PAN) for Reception (Year R) be reduced from 60 to 30. In recent years the school has seen a consistent decrease in pupil numbers in line with the declining population. The PAN reduction would allow the school to operate within its budget. It is not sustainable to maintain the current level of lower intake numbers as a two-form entry school. The school could increase back to two forms of entry if the numbers became sustainable in the future or take a 'bulge' year group in order to meet demand within the planning area for the Local Authority to enable it to fulfil its statutory duties in providing school places. The reduction in PAN has the support of Spring Trust who have been fully involved in discussions with the school and the Local Authority.

Please see Appendix 1 below for further details on the rationale for making the proposed change.

THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

This consultation will run from 17th November until midday on 5th January 2026 and we are inviting stakeholders and members of the local community to respond in accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021.

HOW TO RESPOND

You are invited to submit comments about the proposals above by either completing the form in Appendix 2 or by emailing contact@springpartnership.co.uk; or posting to:
Spring Trust c/o Elmstead Wood Primary School
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Following the consultation period, the Trust Board will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Any comments must be received by midday on 5th January 2026.

The Spring Partnership Trust schools:
Elmstead Wood Primary School, Hayes Primary School, Leesons Primary School, Midfield Primary School, St Mary Cray Primary Academy.

APPENDIX 1

Rationale for change to one form entry – Leeson's Primary School

The proposed variation is that the published admissions (PAN) for Reception (Year R) to be reduced from 60 to 30. This is as a result of the following factors:

- Lower intake than PAN over a number of years
- Predicated decrease in primary rolls nationally and locally
- Current excess of school places within the Local Authority Planning Area
- Numbers in Reception at Leeson's Primary School over the past 4 years:

Year	Numbers	Shortfall against PAN (60)
2024	31	29
2023	34	26
2022	46	14
2021	60	0

APPENDIX 2



Stakeholder Response Form

Leeson's Primary School: Proposal document to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN)

I support the proposal to reduce the PAN from 60 to 30

I do not support the proposal to reduce the PAN from 60 to 30

I have no preference but have the following comments to make:

Any further comments:

Print Name: _____ Name of Organisation (if applicable): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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