



16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## **In-Year Variation of Admissions Arrangements for entry from 2024, at Church Hill Infant School Thurmaston**

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").

Under normal circumstances Admissions authorities must ratify admissions arrangements annually for the following year's intake normally giving parents one and half year's notice of the changes. However, where arrangements need amending within a year an in-year variation process must be completed. We are therefore seeking to change Church Hill Infants' Admission Arrangements for entry Autumn 2024 under the in-year variation process.

The rationale for the proposed change is because of a fall in birth rates locally that has resulted in a reduction in pupil numbers at Church Hill Infant School. In addition, Local Authority pupil forecast data indicates that pupil numbers coming into the school will remain low in the coming years.

As a result of the change in circumstances and following discussions with the Local Authority the Trust wishes to apply to the Department for Education for a variation of admissions arrangements to reduce the admissions number for Church Hill Infant School from 90 to 60. The change is proposed to give greater stability to the school's planning and to enable the school and LA to appropriately manage pupil places. 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 Church Hill Infant School has a temporary Published Admissions Number (PAN) from 2024 of **60**, 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 [DfE guidance](#) and the School Admissions Code. We are therefore beginning a four week consultation period on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023** which will run until **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.

You can view our proposed revised admissions policy on [www.bepschools.com](http://www.bepschools.com), or on the school website at [www.churchhillinfants.bepschools.org](http://www.churchhillinfants.bepschools.org).

If you have any comments to make on this proposal, please contact the Trust via email to [info@bepschools.org](mailto:info@bepschools.org) or by post to Bradgate Education Partnership, Parkstone Road, Syston, Leicester LE7 1LY. Your comments should arrive on or before Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 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](mailto:info@bepschools.org).