



BRADGATE
Education Partnership

Operational capacity limits

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Operational Capacity

2024/2025 academic year

Swallowdale Primary School

Trustees on 12th February 2025 agreed to set an operational capacity at

Swallowdale of 44 in Yr 1 – This is an update to the original limit set on December 10th 2024.

Swallowdale Year R/1 currently has 2 classes of 30 pupils and a Year 1 class with 29 pupils.

The operational capacity limit will help the school avoid a breach of the 30 child class limit in each of these classes and avoid class organisation which is detrimental to student learning.

Highgate Primary School

Trustees on 12th February 2025 agreed to set operational capacities at Highgate of 22 in Yr 1 and 30 in Yr 2 – This is an update to the original limit set on December 10th 2024.

The school is setup to have two year R/1 classes both of which current have 30 pupils.

The school is unable to admit any more Year 1 children and needs to set an operational capacity to avoid the breach of the infant class size limit.

Mercenfeld Primary School

Trustees on 12th February 2025 agreed to set operational capacities at Mercenfeld of 35 in Year 1 and 25 in Year 2 – This is an update to the original limit set on December 10th 2024.

Mercenfeld has an agreed reduction in PAN in 2025 to 30 pupils from 2025.



For the remainder of 2025 the school will be running two mixed Year 1/2 classes with 30 pupils in each (PAN 50). This means that there is no more room to admit any Year 1 or 2 pupils. An operational capacity has been set to prevent classes exceeding infant class size limit or creating a financially un-manageable situation.

The Roundhill Academy

Trustees on 12th February 2025 agreed to set operational capacities at The Roundhill Academy of 153 pupils in Yr9 and 170 pupils in Year 10.

The operational capacity limit will run for the remainder of the 2024/25 academic year. The schools currently has:

- Yr9 - 153pupils
- Yr 10 - 169pupils

The school needs to set these operational limits as the delivery of practical subjects such as Food & DT are restricted by classroom size; Any additional pupils would require additional staff which would create a financially unviable situation.

Eastfield Primary School

Trustees on 10th December 2024 agreed to set an operational capacity at Eastfield of:

- Yr4 – 38 pupils

This operational capacity limit came into force on 10th December and will apply for the whole of the 24/25 academic year. An operational capacity limit has been set due to the limited classroom space available for the current co-hort of pupils within the schools current teaching configuration.



Stafford Leys Primary School

Trustees on 10th December 2024 agreed to set an operational capacity at Stafford

Leys of:

- Yr4 – 79 pupils
- Yr5 – 81 pupils

This operational capacity limit came into force on 10th December and will apply for the whole of the 24/25 academic year. An operational capacity limit has been set due to the limited classroom space available for the current co-hort of pupils and the detrimental impact of changing the schools current teaching configuration.

Church Hill Infant School

Trustees on 10th December 2024 agreed to set an operational capacity at Church

Hill of: Yr1 – 60 pupils

This operational capacity limit came into force on 10th December and will apply for the whole of the 24/25 academic year. An operational capacity limit has been set in order to prevent the school breaching the infant class-size limit.

Mountfields Lodge Primary School

Trustees on 10th December 2024 agreed to set an operational capacity at Mountfields

Lodge of: Year 1 – 60 pupils

This operational capacity limit came into force on 10th December and will apply for the whole of the 24/25 academic year. An operational capacity limit has been set in order to prevent the school breaching the infant class-size limit.

An operational capacity of 60 needs to be set in Year 1 (PAN 75). Currently there are 58 children across 2 Year 1 classes. Year 1's are not taught in the year group above or below due to the high needs in EYFS/Year 2. There is no funding to add a third class to Year 1.



Wreake Valley Academy

Trustees have agreed to set operational capacities at Wreake Valley Academy for the remainder of the academic year of:

Yr7 - 212

Yr8 - 236

Yr9 - 206

Yr10 - 197

Yr11 - 150

The school needs to set these operational limits due to significant building repairs which are

currently under-way and restrict pupil access to sections of the building. In addition to this

the delivery of practical subjects such as Food & DT are restricted by classroom size and

are already at capacity.



2025/2026 academic year

The Roundhill Academy

Trustees on 12th February 2025 agreed to set operational capacities at The Roundhill Academy of 150 pupils in Yr10 and 170 pupils in Year 11.

The operational capacity limit will run for the whole of the 2025/2026 academic year.

The school needs to set these operational limits as the delivery of practical subjects such

as Food & DT are restricted by classroom size; Any additional pupils would require additional staff which would create a financially unviable situation.

Church Hill Infant School

Trustees on 12th February 2025 agreed to set operational capacity at Churchill Infants for

Yr 2 of 60 pupils.

The operational capacity limit will be in force for the whole of the 2025/2026 academic year.

The capacity limit has been set in order to prevent a breach of infant class size and to prevent any unsustainable financial challenges.

Eastfield Primary School

Trustees on 12th February 2025 agreed to set operational capacity at Eastfield Yr 5 of 38 pupils.

Eastfield has a PAN for 60, however the operational capacity limit is being set in order to allow the school to retain a single large class of 38 pupils as these pupils move towards KS2 assessments and to avoid any unsustainable financial challenges.

Highgate Primary School

Trustees on 12th February 2025 agreed to set operational capacities at Highgate of 22



pupils in Yr1 and 35 pupils in Year 5.

The operational capacity limits are being set in order to ensure that the school does not

Mountfields Lodge Primary School

On 12th February 2025 trustees approved a further operational capacity limit for the academic year 2025/2026 of:

- 60 in Yr1
- 60 in Yr 2

This limit has been set in order to prevent the school breaching the infant class -size limits.

2026

Mountfields Lodge Primary School

On 12th February 2025 trustees ratified the school's request for a reduction in the pupil admission number from 75 – 60. This applies to any pupils requesting admission to Mountfields Lodge for the normal 2026 admission round or in-year admissions following this

Updates 3/10/2025

Mercenfeld

Operational capacities have been set for the academic year 2025/2026 in Yrs 1-6 at Mercenfeld Primary.

This means that the school will accept pupils into classes where there are spaces, but cannot for operational reasons accept more than 30 pupils in each class. This action has been taken to secure effective education for those pupils already at Mercenfeld and because accepting pupils above the limit of 30 will “prejudice the effective education of pupils”.



Eastfield

An operational capacity has been set for the academic year 2025/2026 in Yr 5 at Eastfield Primary. This operational capacity will remain in place for the academic year 2026/2027 for this year group in Yr6 unless pupil numbers in this class significantly change.

This capacity limit is due to environmental factors, in particular a large class above 34 pupils where there are limitations on the class space and furniture that is appropriate for them. The operational limit of 34 will ensure suitable provision is made for children to be able to make progress from their starting points and because accepting pupils above the operational limit of 34 will “prejudice the effective education of pupils”.