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Dear Parent/Carer, Stakeholder,

Bradgate Education Partnership: Consultation on changes to the schools Published Admission Numbers (PAN) for [Academic Year 2028/2029]

Consultation period: Monday 2nd November 2026 to Monday 14th December 2026

Bradgate Education Partnership, the admissions authority for 19 academies, is launching a consultation on proposed changes to the Published Admission Number (PAN) at 5 of its schools, in line with the School Admissions Code 2021. The Trust is seeking the views of all interested parties to these proposals.

Why are we consulting?

The School Admissions Code requires admission authorities to consult on their admission arrangements at least every seven years, or sooner where a change is proposed, including any increase or reduction to a PAN.

In this instance, 5 BEP schools are proposing changes to the number of pupils admitted in the school reception year or seeking to confirm their current admission number as permanent.

Stakeholders are deemed to include:

- Parents and carers of children between the ages of [2] and [18]
- All other admission authorities within the relevant area
- Staff at the academies concerned
- *Leicestershire Local Authority*
- Other persons in the local area who may have an interest in the proposed admission arrangements

The full School Admissions Code (2021) can be found at: assets.publishing.service.gov.uk (search 'School Admissions Code 2021').

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Specific Proposal

At Mountfields Lodge School the Trust proposes to change the PAN with effect from August/September 2028.

For children who already hold a place at an affected school, there will be no change.

Mountfields Lodge School has previously operated a PAN of 75. This has in agreement with Leicestershire County Council been temporarily set at 60.

The trust proposes to confirm the current temporary PAN of 60 as a permanent arrangement.

School / Academy	Current PAN	Proposed PAN	Change
Mountfields Lodge School	75 Official 60 Temporary	60	Secure the current temporary PAN as permanent Reduction of 15 on the schools pre-temporary PAN

Rationale for the Proposed Changes

The Trust's reasons for proposing these changes are as follows:

- the school has historically admitted below its 75-place capacity, retaining this figure is inconsistent with local demand.
- in reception, where outdoor play and free-flow is an expected part of the curriculum, the school's building cannot ensure 75 pupils have equitable access to appropriate areas.
- a PAN of 75 forces the school's curriculum to run on a two-year cycle which creates significant planning, teaching and assessment workload issues for teachers as mixed age and single age planning and delivery is required.
- 75 pupils per year in single age classes requires an average class size of 25 pupils which is: not possible in a 3 class per year format, due to insufficient classrooms to accommodate pupils (3 classes per year would require 21 classrooms; The school currently has 18 classrooms)
- Even where classes are taught as at present:
    - classroom sizes prevent the school from accommodating classes of 37/38 in upper years. This forces mixed age classes where year groups are 70+
- a PAN of 75 prevents the school having certainty about the future. This is because:
    - the LA's graduated reversion to a PAN of 75, as identified in its temporary PAN agreement would place the school in severe financial difficulty.
    - the school has found it necessary to make cuts to staffing and general provision and the limitations a PAN of 75 imposes would impact on the schools ability to organise classes efficiently and make the best use of its resources, including its financial resources.

There are no other proposed changes to the admissions arrangements at this school.

How to Respond

The consultation will run from **Monday 2nd November 2026** to **Monday 14th December 2026**. During this period, a copy of this letter a link to the proposed admission arrangements **and an electronic form** will be available on the Bradgate Education Partnership website at:

- https://bepschools.org/admissions-consultation/

or linked from the schools admission page at:

School / Academy	Website
Mountfields Lodge School	https://www.mountfields.bepschools.org/our-school/admissions/

Comments can be submitted via e-mail or post using the following contact details:

Post:

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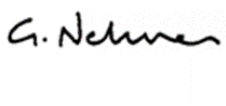
or

Email: consultation@bepschools.org

All responses must be received by Monday 14th December 2026. Representations received after this date cannot be considered.

Following the consultation, the Trust Board / Trustees will consider all responses received and decide whether to approve the proposed changes to admission arrangements for the 2028 academic year.

Yours faithfully,



Gareth Nelmes
CEO on behalf of trust officers and trustees