

**Statutory consultation on the proposed reduction in Published Admission Number
for Nether Green Infant School for the 2026/27 academic year**

Consultation document

Background

The governors of Nether Green Infant School invite you to take part in a consultation about a proposal to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Reception admission from 75 to 60, with effect from September 2026.

The PAN is the number of places we make available as part of our normal Reception intake. Once the PAN has been set for a school, we will not refuse applications submitted during the normal admission round for Reception where the PAN has not been exceeded.

For children already in school, there will be no change.

The proposed change will not affect pupils who choose to accept an offer for a school place in September 2025.

Why we propose the change

We currently have a PAN of 75 which is unusual for an infant school. It means we have a total school capacity of 225 pupils across our three years. As class sizes are capped at 30 for infant school classes, this means we must run eight classes across the school.

Historically we have run three classes of 25 in reception, 2 classes of 30 in year 1, 2 classes of 30 in year 2, and 1 mixed class of 30 across years 1 and 2.

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Reception	25	25	25
Year 1	30	30	15
Year 2	30	30	15

We receive funding for 75 children, with three classes in reception. However, these three classes could accommodate 90 children. This funding mismatch increases the financial pressure on the school and it provides the added complication of teaching mixed age group classes.

We are unable to increase our PAN to 90 to match funding to the classes required as we do not have the physical space in school for an additional classroom.

Additionally, there is a falling birth rate and demographics in the local area mean that we are forecast to be below our PAN of 75 over the next 5 years.

Proposed PAN change for 26/27

Having sought input from the local authority, the governors would like to reduce PAN from 75 to 60 places from academic year 26/27.

The change would bring us in line with other primary schools in the local area which have reception class sizes of 30.

This reduction in PAN will not affect the ethos, values and success of the school. It will ensure that the quality of education and the available facilities are further improved.

The Consultation Process

The consultation process will last for a 6-week period. It will commence on 13 November 2024 and conclude on 8 January 2025.

Responses to the consultation can be sent to the governing body at governors@nethergreen-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

The deadline for responses is midnight on the 8 January 2025.

We would welcome your views.