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Consultation to reduce PAN from September 2027

Consultation:

- A reduction in the academy's Pupil Admission Number (PAN) from 60 to 45 pupils to be admitted to reception with effect from 1 September 2027.
- This proposed change is to update the admission number held by the Local Authority and the Funding Agreement held with the Department for Education.

No pupil who already has a place in school will be affected by the proposed change

1. Educational Context

1.1 Rosehill Methodist Primary Academy is currently a 2-form entry school with currently a capacity of 420 (PAN of 60) and has a nursery for 3–4-year-olds.

This means that the number of pupils admitted into the school in Reception is limited to 60.

1.2 The table shown taken from the Office of National Statistics website (based on 2018 dataset – released March 2020) shows the birth population projections for 2020 to 2030 within the Tameside area. The red figures highlight a downward trend.

AREA	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Tameside	2,731	2,723	2,713	2,710	2,716	2,721	2,728	2,736	2,744	2,758	2,775

AREA	AGE	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Tameside	3	2928	2813	2731	2751	2743	2732	2728	2735	2740	2746	2753
Tameside	4	2963	2935	2820	2739	2759	2749	2739	2735	2742	2746	2752

1.3 The table below shows the total number of reception places in the Ashton area across all providers is sufficient to meet expected demand. and the total number of places allocated at the start of each academic year. It also shows the continuing decrease and spare capacity at Rosehill Methodist.

	Reception Entry Information in Ashton and at Rosehill Methodist Academy				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Year Available Reception places in Ashton	690	690	660	660	Not known
Places Allocated @ April 2021	537	540	542	521	Not known
Spare capacity within Ashton	153	150	118	139	Not known
Rosehill Reception number at end of year	47	54	42	36	32
Spare capacity at Rosehill	13	6	18	24	28

1.4 As can be clearly seen, the spare capacity within Ashton and Rosehill are due to a reduction in the birth rates across Tameside.

1.5 The current birth projections indicate there will be no detrimental effect to parents and pupils in relation to the reduction to PAN

1.6 No pupil that already has a place at Rosehill will be affected by this change.

1.7 Reducing the PAN to 45 will assist the Trust and the Local advisory Board in providing stability to the long-term planning whilst continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers living in the surrounding area and attending one of the local primary schools

1.8 The priority for the school is to ensure going forward they have an affordable highly skilled staff structure that will work educationally to ensure there is consistent high quality teaching and learning on a daily basis taking into account the requirements of the curriculum, the organisational needs of the schools including the age of pupils on roll, the nature of the premises and the particular needs of pupils requiring additional assistance.

We are running a consultation regarding the reduction in PAN from 60 to 45 for those children entering reception; effective from 1st September 2027.

2. Proposal

2.1 The Trust Board proposes to reduce the Published Admission Number of the school from 60 to 45 with effect from September 2027.

2.2 This means that the number of places available for children in Reception in 2027, and all subsequent Reception cohorts, will be 45. This is the only proposed change to the admission criteria; all other criteria, including oversubscription, will remain the same.

2.3 Factors that have been considered by the Trust Board in deciding to consult on this proposal include:

- The continued ability of the school to provide sufficient places for local children.
- The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils thus facilitating continuing school improvement.
- Future resource planning and management.
- The capacity of the school resources management will be more effective.

2.4 Rosehill Methodist Academy would be committed to reviewing the Pupil Admissions Numbers if the local demographic and context dictate a need for this in the future.

3. Who is being consulted?

3.1 This consultation is for the specific attention of:

- Parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen
- Staff
- The local community
- Other local schools
- The local authority
- Adjoining neighbouring local authorities

4. How to respond?

4.1 The consultation will run from Monday 17th November 2025 until Friday 16th January 2025.

If you wish to get in touch and tell us what you think you can do this in the following ways:

- By email to J.Buckley@epworthtrust.org.uk
- By phone on 01942 77706
- Via the school's website page – [Contact Us](#)
- By completing the online form - [Rosehill Methodist Primary Academy Admission Arrangements Consultation - Reduction in PAN – Fill out form](#)

- In writing to Consultation, Rosehill Methodist Primary Academy, Rosehill Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 8YG

Following the end of the consultation period we will provide an update on the Trust and school website.

In line with LA guidance, the admission policy for 27/28 will be set by 28th February 2026 and published on our website by 15th March 2026.