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## **Newham Bridge Primary School– Middlesbrough**

### **Consultation on proposed changes to admissions arrangements: Admissions from 1 September 2026 onwards**

The Legacy Learning Trust, as the Admissions Authority for Newham Bridge Primary School, is formally consulting on proposed changes to the admission arrangements for the school from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026.

#### **Proposed changes**

*To reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 45 to 30 with effect from September 2026. This means that the number of school places for pupils applying to attend Newham Bridge Primary School in Reception class in the academic year 2026/27 and all subsequent years will be 30.*

This is the only proposed change to the admissions policy; all other elements of the policy including the oversubscription criteria will remain the same.

#### **Reasons for Consultation**

Roll numbers have been falling at the school for a number of years. The demand for places is forecast to continue to drop across the town in coming years.

A substantial portion of funding received by schools is directly related to the number of pupils attending the school. Too many pupil vacancies mean that the school will not receive the maximum possible revenue. Therefore, the school is proposing to reduce the number of available places to enable the school to operate more efficiently and cost effectively whilst not having a detrimental effect on the education it offers its pupils.

The proposed change will help our school to effectively focus its teaching and learning resources to match the demand of school places in the area. The Trust and school staff are working hard to continue to improve the outcomes of all our children and feel strongly that the proposed reduction will benefit future outcomes for our young learners, whilst still enabling us to meet the changing need for places.

#### **Consultation and decision timescale**

The schedule being followed for changing admissions arrangements for September 2026 admissions is:

6th December 2024	Window for 6-week consultation opens
19th January 2025	Consultation window closes
February 2025	Responses analysed, and reviewed by The Legacy Learning Trust board, the Admissions Authority for Newham Bridge Primary School.
28 February 2025	Admissions Arrangements Determined
15 February 2025	Arrangements published to Middlesbrough Local Authority and on Academy website
15 May 2025	Deadline for referring objections to new arrangements to the Schools' adjudicator

**Stakeholders are invited to submit comments in writing on these proposed changes via email to [Admissions@TLLT.org.uk](mailto:Admissions@TLLT.org.uk) by Sunday 19th January 2025.**