

## **Proposal: Reduce the Published Admission Number at Appleton Primary School from 50 to 30.**

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) at Appleton Primary School is 50. This means that the number of children admitted to the school in Reception each year is a maximum of 50.

**Appleton Primary School and The Constellation Trust are proposing to reduce the PAN to 30.** This proposal would mean that the maximum number of pupils intended to be admitted in Reception in 2025, and all subsequent Reception cohorts, will be 30.

Currently, the net capacity of the school is 350, made up of 50 places in each year from Reception to Year 6. However, currently there are 235 children on roll, due to a decrease in pupil numbers over the past 4 years.

When planning primary school places, The City of Hull is split into 8 planning areas. Appleton Primary in the West of the city is situated in the Wyke area. According to Local Authority data, there has been a decline in pupil numbers admitted into Reception in recent years across the Wyke Area, falling from 422 places in 2016/17 to 350 places in 2022/23. Over the same period at Appleton Primary, admissions into Reception fell from 54 to 29.

Current published forecasts indicate that there will continue to be surplus places across the Wyke area over the next 3 years. Forecasts also show the numbers of Reception places required at Appleton for the next 3 intakes remain well below the current PAN of 50.

Forecasts for Reception places at Appleton are as follows:

2024/25: 29

2025/26: 29

2026/27: 26

In addition to Reception surplus places, the number of pupils on roll across the school from Y1 to Y6 have declined over the past 4 years. The school has already begun operating on a 30 PAN model up to the end of Year 2 to secure the school budget. This model will roll into KS2 from September 2023.

Current pupil numbers on roll:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
27	31	30	33	44	24	48

The school has used the Local Authority Reception places forecast information to model the school budget over the next five years in order to make an informed decision on its future.

The school has considered the following two options:

a) Do nothing and keep the PAN at 50 – The Reception classes are not forecast to fill to 50, meaning the school will not receive the maximum funding to enable additional teaching groups. There would be an expectation that the school can still take up to 50 pupils throughout the whole intake year. This may result in a high number of in-year allocations that could potentially require changes to class organisation during the school year which is detrimental to the pupils and the school.

b) Reduce the PAN to 30 – There will be sufficient places to meet the forecasted demand for places. The school will plan the curriculum for single aged classes with the understanding that classes should remain stable and not need to be reorganised during the school year. Funding received for the number of pupils on roll should be sufficient for the level of staffing required for single aged classes.

The school is already modelled on a 30 PAN up to Year 2 due to current number of children on roll and plans to follow this model through Key Stage 2 as the larger classes move on. This will enable the school to remain economically viable whilst offering a high-quality education for all children.

The School Admissions Code requires that all admission authorities consult where they propose to reduce a PAN. Appleton Primary School and The Constellation Trust are therefore seeking representations on the proposed change to the PAN for Appleton Primary School in Kingston Upon Hull.

The consultation is open from 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 until 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

Responses can be completed by completing the response form and returning to the following address:

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