

Bishop Alexander L.E.A.D. Academy
Consultation on change to the Published
Admission Number (PAN)



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Statutory consultation on the proposed reduction in the Published Admission Numbers (PAN) for Bishop Alexander L.E.A.D. Academy from the 2022/23 Academic year

Consultation period: 30 November 2020 – 11 January 2021

The School Admissions Code requires that all admission authorities consult where they propose to reduce a PAN. L.E.A.D. Academy Trust as the admissions authority is therefore seeking comments on the proposed change to the PAN for Bishop Alexander L.E.A.D. Academy.

Proposal

L.E.A.D. Academy Trust propose that the PAN at Bishop Alexander L.E.A.D. Academy be reduced from 45 to 30 from September 2022.

This means that the number of places available for children in Reception in September 2022 and all subsequent Reception cohorts will be 30. For children who already have a place in school in other year groups there will be no change. This is the only proposed change to the admission criteria; all other criteria, including oversubscription will remain the same.

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

- A large proportion of funding received by the academy is directly related to the number of pupils attending the academy. Too many vacancies mean that the academy will not receive the maximum possible revenue. Therefore, the Trust is proposing to reduce the number of available places to enable the academy to provide every single pupil with the best possible education, to support the achievement of the highest academic standards, and to secure outstanding life chances for all.
- Bringing our PAN in line with our actual pupil admissions and ensuring we receive the maximum possible revenue will mean that our expert resources are used effectively across the academy.
- The total number of pupils from reception to Year 6 recorded by the academy on the October 2020 census was 247 and is well below the current capacity of 315.
- The number of pupils admitted into reception in by the October 2020 census was 27.
- Pupil place projections show a surplus of places in the area.

L.E.A.D Academy Trust believes that reducing the PAN will assist the academy to provide stability in their long term planning and allow them to deliver high quality educational outcomes for pupils.

L.E.A.D Academy Trust would be committed to reviewing the PAN if local demographics and context dictates this in the future.

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, the Trust is consulting with key stakeholders, including:

- Parents/carers of current pupils and prospective parents of pupils;
- Other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed arrangements;
- All other admission authorities within the local area;
- The local authority; and
- Adjoining neighbouring local authorities.



You are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal to James Beighton, Head of Operations, via email at james.beighton@leadacademytrust.co.uk or post them to:

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This consultation will end on the 11 January 2021. Please send any comments regarding these proposed by that date.

Following the consultation period, L.E.A.D. Academy Trust will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Admissions arrangements for September 2022 will be determined by 28th February 2021.