



Bottisham Primary School

CONSULTATION ON REDUCTION OF PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER

BACKGROUND.

Anglian Learning Trust, as the admission authority for Bottisham Primary school is considering making changes for the September 2027 school year.

Pupil numbers in the catchment have been reducing for some time, and admissions from local children, from Bottisham village and the surrounding area, are not expected to need more than one class of 30 Reception children each year. For many years the published admission number (the PAN) has been 45, and because of the law that means every infant class should not exceed 30, we have to mix years in order to make classroom provision effective. A PAN of 30 would allow us to provide a single class for each year group, a far more effective teaching environment.

Therefore, we are consulting on reducing our PAN from 45 to 30 for the September 2027 Reception entry. Other parts of the admission arrangements will remain unchanged.

The law governing these matters is set out in the School Admission Code 2021. Consultation must include all interested parties and must take place between October and January for 6 weeks. This allows for changes to be implemented for the September 2027 intake.

The consultation period will take place for 6 weeks starting on 5th November 2025 and closing on 17th December 2025. At the end of the consultation period, we will study any objections and suggestions, decisions will be made based on the responses and the arrangements will be 'determined' by AL Trustees as required by section 1:49 of the School Admission Code 2021, by 28 February 2026 and published by 15 March 2026, for the September 2027 school intake.

This consultation seeks your views and comments which can be submitted by email to: office@bottishamprimary.org or in writing to the school office, *Bottisham Community Primary School, Beechwood Avenue, Bottisham, Cambridge, CB25 9BE*

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