

Haringey School  
FAO Headteacher and Chair of Governors

Dear Headteacher and Chair of Governors

### **RE: Proposed reduction in the Published Admission Numbers (PANs) for Tiverton and Welbourne Primary Schools**

Between 26 November 2018 and 7 January 2019 Haringey is consulting on the proposed admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled (VC) primary and secondary schools for the academic year 2020/21. This includes the proposed reduction in the published admission numbers (PANs) for Tiverton and Welbourne Primary Schools for the 2020/21 academic year by 30 reception places each.

#### **Background**

Following many years of rising demand due to the growth in Haringey's 0-4 population, the Council are now in a position of needing to reduce capacity as a result of a flattening birth rates and higher rates of out-migration. This has contributed to a higher than necessary level of surplus places in some educational planning areas where supply is predicted to outstrip demand.

Current school roll projections for planning area 3 (where Tiverton is located) suggest a surplus of school places of between 1-2 forms of entry between now and 2026/27. Current school roll projections for planning area 4 (where Welbourne is located) suggest a surplus of school places of between 3-4 forms of entry between now and 2021/22.

#### **Why are we consulting?**

We are proposing to reduce the number of available places to enable the schools to operate more efficiently and cost effectively. This change seeks to assist the school governing bodies to plan for long-term stability, a consistent structure and a sustainable financial position, providing a secure foundation for high quality educational outcomes for all pupils.

A large portion of funding received by schools is directly related to the number of pupils attending the school. Too many vacancies in schools mean that schools will not receive the maximum revenue possible. Schools running class sizes below 24 pupils may become financially unsustainable in the long-term, as they may not be able to fund a classroom teacher.

Furthermore, falling demand is rarely evidenced at just one school but is often felt across several. A benefit of planning places judiciously is that it keeps rolls relatively buoyant across and beyond any planning area as surplus places are reduced.

#### **Will there be sufficient places?**

A decrease in demand for Reception places has been an ongoing trend seen across many London authorities, including neighbouring boroughs and is forecasted to continue over the next few years. Owing to the number of vacancies in Reception across many Haringey schools at the beginning of the 2018/19 academic year, we expect sufficient places to continue to be available for local children if the

PANs are reduced. We will closely monitor the number of applications received. In the event there is an increase in demand for primary school places and additional places are required, Tiverton and Welbourne Primary Schools will revert to their original PAN, a process that can be implemented immediately.

### Have your say

You can find out more about the consultation on our proposed admission arrangements by visiting our consultation page - [www.haringey.gov.uk/admission\\_arrangements\\_consultation](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/admission_arrangements_consultation). In February 2019 the Council's Cabinet will make a final decision on the 2020/21 admission arrangements, including the proposed reduction in the published admission numbers (PANs) for Tiverton and Welbourne Primary Schools.

Please do help us to ensure that as many parents and carers as possible are made aware of the consultation by signposting it in your school newsletter. If any of your parent/carers would like to comment on the proposed arrangements, they can do so by completing the online questionnaire on our consultation webpage.

### Academies, Free Schools and Voluntary Aided Schools

Admission arrangements for academies, free schools and voluntary aided schools are determined by those schools and are not affected by Haringey's proposed arrangements. We have written to the London Diocesan Board for Schools and to our Academy/Free schools setting out the fall in demand and the need to rationalise the number of schools available. We expect that our Church of England and Catholic schools may also be seeking to reduce capacity to match actual and projected rolls (one Church of England School has already reduced capacity), and that our Academy/Free schools will be looking at their own capacity too.

If your governors of your school would like to follow the admission arrangements proposed by the local authority for community and voluntary controlled schools (VC) (i.e. the oversubscription criteria) then please do let me know as soon as possible so I can include your decision in our determination.

In cases where the admission authority delegates its power to determine, the responsibility to comply with the Code remains with the admission authority. Even if you have decided to follow our admission arrangements you must still ensure that you minute this decision at your governing body meeting and publish your admission arrangements on your website.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on this consultation or you would like any further information.

Yours faithfully

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