



## **PAN reduction consultation**

**Please send us your feedback on changes to Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Tulse Hill admissions policy and arrangements for 2025/2026 entry.**

Like you, we love Holy Trinity and we know how much our school has to offer local children. Nevertheless, like all schools in Lambeth, we're facing the real pressure of falling numbers of children actually being born here. This change in the population is a key factor in the bubbling crisis for schools both North and South of the River.

How can we respond in a way that will strengthen our school to come through these challenging times? The School Governors and Senior Leaders believe that a key strategy must be to lower our intake, (known as the PAN or Published Intake Number).

Currently, we have one small reception class. To help safeguard our future, we have decided to formally reduce our PAN to 15, (half a class), from September 2025.

This is a decision taken at the request of Lambeth Education, and follows research, analysis, reflection, discussion and advice from both Lambeth and the Diocesan Board of Education. In a situation where all Lambeth Schools are needing to reduce their intake, we are in a much stronger position if we take control of the process with a clear plan.

Of course, this will mean we become a smaller school for a period of time. But providing an excellent education isn't dependent on school size. More significant is the commitment of the staff and whole school community – and we wholly expect that to continue into the future. Although funding from Central Government is being reduced, we are looking at every possible way to support enrichment activities. We're determined that this strategic move will enhance, rather than reduce our children's learning and growth.

Over the next few years, we will all hear of more schools and nurseries closing across in the inner boroughs of South London. We are taking this positive step so we can continue to support our community and offer a distinctive and valuable faith education. I re-iterate that this will not affect intake for September 2024, but will begin in 2025.

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**The consultation runs from 19 December 2023 to 31 January 2024.**

**Consultation open date:**

Tuesday 19 December 2023

**Consultation close date:**

Wednesday, 31 January 2024 at 11.59pm

The School Admissions Code 2021 requires schools, or the Local Authority for community schools, to formally consult with the public regarding changes to their admissions criteria arrangements. This would include admissions criteria and decreases to the Published Admissions Number (PAN). If no changes are made, there is a requirement that schools consult every seven years.

The changes proposed for Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Tulse Hill are the formal reductions in PAN from 30 to 15 from the 2025/26 academic year. This proposal is part of a wider undertaking by the council to reduce PANs due to falling population across the borough.

There are no changes proposed to the existing admissions criteria or main admissions processes for the school.

**How to respond**

Your views on this proposal are important to us and we want to hear the views of everyone who feels they might be affected by this proposed reduction to the Published Admission Numbers (PAN).

Please send your comments via email to: [chairofgb@holytrinity.lambeth.sch.uk](mailto:chairofgb@holytrinity.lambeth.sch.uk)

Or write to: Governors, Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Upper Tulse Hill, London SW2 2RL

In the meantime, we continue to ask – and thank you for – your ongoing support, prayer, and encouragement.

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Acting Headteacher

**Chris Tongeman**  
Chair of Governors