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Admission Arrangement Consultations for 2026/27

The Governing Body at Yeadon Westfield Infant School is carrying out a statutory consultation on its Admissions Policy for the academic year 2026/27 following the guidelines in the Schools Admissions Code and seeks your views. The changes relate to a proposed reduction in the PAN (Published Admissions Number) from 45 to 30 from September 2026, and the removal of the exceptional need priority (this was priority 2).

Reducing the PAN from 45-30 for the Admissions round that affects children applying for a place in Reception for September 2026.

As many of you are aware, birth rates are continuing to fall in Aireborough and there is a similar picture across Leeds and nationally. Our current PAN of 45 can make it difficult to plan ahead and in recent years we have averaged about 30 children entering reception. There is a class size pledge of 30 for children from Reception to Y2. Moving forward, we believe that a PAN of 30 will bring more stability and help us plan for the future of our children and our community.

Those children currently in school and those joining in September 2025 will keep their place and this will remain the same as they move through the junior school. The current PAN of 45 will remain in place for our current children and those starting in September 2025 throughout their primary school experience at Yeadon Westfield Infants and Juniors.

The removal of the exceptional need priority.

The Local Authority's SEND and Inclusion Transformation Programme is underway. Under this programme, Leeds are moving away from the Funding for Inclusion (FFI) model in mainstream schools. All funding to support inclusion of children and young people with special educational needs will now be linked to those children and young people who hold EHCPs (Education Health Care Plans). These provide statutory rights relating to the process of considering and offering special education provision for children and young with additional SEND needs.

By September 2026, any child who is starting reception, junior school or Y7 and would have met the exceptional need priority will have been considered for an EHCP. Any school named within Section 1 of a child/ young person's EHCP must admit the child/young person meaning the exceptional need priority 2 will become redundant.

You can view the proposed policy by following this link to the school website.

<https://www.westfieldinfants.co.uk/page/yeaton-westfield-infant-school-consultation-on-admissions-policy/132304>

We invite your comments on the proposal. Please send your response to admin@westfieldinfants.co.uk

The closing date for the consultation is 31st January 2025. There will be a consultation meeting on Monday 13th January 2025 at Yeadon Westfield Infant School at 3.20pm.

Thank you for taking time to read this information.

