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School admissions consultation 2025-2026

Reduction in the Published Admission Number for Beis Yaakov High School for Girls.

The reason for the reduction in the PAN is that we are looking to move to a two-form entry rather than three-form entry. This is driven predominantly to realise financial savings associated with the reduction.

Following discussions with school and their governing body, it is proposed to reduce the published admission number at the following school:

- **Beis Yaakov High School for Girls - reduce the admission number from 55 pupils to 40 pupils**

The change in published admission number would be effective from the September 2025 year 7 intake. For children who have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change.

This is the only change to the admission arrangements for this school, and all other elements remain unchanged. We are only seeking views on the reduction in published admission number.

The Head Governor is the decision-maker for the school.

Why is this consultation happening?

The purpose of this consultation is to inform our community body, leaders and other schools about the PAN reduction. We welcome questions and advice from all stakeholders.

What is the reason for proposing a reduction in Public Admission Number (PAN)?

Beis Yaakov High School for Girls has been experiencing a decline in pupil numbers due to other secondary schools opening within the Jewish community in Salford and Bury.

Furthermore, a three-form year is not sustainable from a financial perspective. As the teacher-pupil ratio is exceptionally high.

We have noticed a reduction in funds annually due to the decline in pupil demand and we have a need to reduce overheads.

Consequently we have no choice but to reduce from three streams of classes per year group, to two streams per year group.

When will a reduction in PAN be applied and will it be across all other year groups?

The proposed reduction in PAN will be applied initially across the year 7 intake from September 2025 and will gradually feed through the school year on year until all year groups have a PAN of 40. For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change in the admission number.

Will there be a reduction in school staff and how will this be managed?

Any reduction in staff will be a gradual process to ensure sufficient staffing structures are in place for the number of pupils and classes.

What happens if pupil demand begins to rise?

If demand for places begins to rise, resulting in the need for additional places, the Local Authority would create additional capacity, initially in the form of 'bulge classes', which will see the PAN for a particular year group increase.

This can be achieved very quickly in agreement with the Headteacher and Governing Body.

Should pupil forecasts begin to show a continuous increase in demand that would require additional places year on year, then the decision would be taken to proceed with a permanent increase in PAN.