

## Admission Arrangements Consultation 2025-26

#### 1. Note: Analysis as at 16.42pm on 4th January 2024. N=5

#### 2. Please indicate which of the following schools you have an interest in? N=4

#### School name

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St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant School (4) St Francis de Sales Catholic Junior Primary School (1) St Ignatius Primary School (3)

### 3. Please tell us who you are - tick all options that apply? N=5

Response	Number	Percentage (%)
Resident	1	20%
Parent / Carer	2	40%
Teacher or other school staff	0	0%
Headteacher	2	40%
Governor	0	0%
Local authority	0	0%
Other	0	0%
N =	5	100%

\* respondents allowed to tick as many categories that apply

The most popular respondent type were parent / carers and Headteachers (2 each) followed by 1 resident. Respondents were allowed to tick as many categories as applicable.

# 4. Please let us have your view on the proposed PAN reductions at the selected schools? N=4

View - I am unhappy with the proposal to reduce the number of admission.

**Response –** The aim of proposed PAN reductions is to ensure the sustainability and breadth of the existing primary school offer in Haringey. The number of children born in Haringey has declined by around a quarter since 2016 so reductions in school capacity are essential.

**View -** I think the diocese needs to look at the number of Catholic schools in the area along St. Anne's Road and make some difficult decisions rather than reduce the PAN.

**Response –** The council is not the key decision-maker with regards to Catholic schools in the borough, but our in-depth analysis undertaken in our Risk Matrix should help the Diocese to clarify their best options going forward.

It's also worth mentioning that reductions in PAN have been a dynamic response to the issue of falling rolls (hence their inclusion again this year) but that the other



measures we are considering (amalgamations, federations, closures etc) are also part of a related longer-term strategy.

**View -** If there are not sufficient pupils to fill all schools then you have to reduce the numbers of classes. If there are a great number of empty places you should close a school permanently and sell the site.

**Response –** We are looking to reduce capacity across our primary school estate and have already undertaken reductions in recent years. Future utilisation of any former school site is also carefully considered.

We are considering a variety of actions including amalgamations, federations and school closures as part of a long term strategy.

**View -** I'm writing as I feel the Diocese does need to make some decisions regarding this. St. Mary's Priory and St. Ignatius are less than a mile apart on St. Anne's road. Surely they need to look at what is sustainable here rather than reducing the PAN of both? There is a third catholic school further along St. Anne's Rd which is small and full.

You keep citing how so many schools are reducing to 1fe in Haringey and then tell us how 1fe schools are less viable. It seems to me that historical LA 1fe / small schools are often popular and well managed financially and are being lumped with those being (sadly) forced to shrink due to falling rolls and these schools have all the overheads of a 2fe regarding staff structures etc. What is the solution here?

**Response –** Falling rolls are likely to exacerbate funding challenges for schools of all sizes.

We have now completed our Risk Matrix for all primary schools and compiled a simple methodology document which will be shared with NLC Chairs and the Education Strategy Board explaining the factors and weights chosen. The Risk Matrix analysis takes into account around 9 separate indicators that give a nuanced and robust picture of the relative health of every single primary school setting within the borough.

Our analysis will be shared with both Diocese and all Haringey stakeholders. You'll be aware that the council is not the key decision-maker with regards to Catholic schools in the borough, but our in-depth analysis should help the Diocese to clarify their best options going forward.

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5. Please use the space below if you have any other comments or views on the proposed admissions arrangements and co-ordinated schemes set out in



No responses to this question