

Consultation on Changing the Published Admission Number (PAN)

26th October 2021

To whom it may concern.

The Board of Governors of North West London Jewish Day School would like to propose reducing the Published Admission Number (PAN) with effect from 1 September 2022.

Although the Regulations and Code of Practice relating to school admissions no longer require an admissions authority to consult when maintaining or increasing a school's PAN, there remains a requirement to consult when the proposal is to reduce a PAN. North West London Jewish Day School, as the admissions authority, is seeking comments on the proposed change.

Proposal

North West London Jewish Day School proposes to reduce the published admission number of the school from 35 pupils per year group to 30 with effect from 1 September 2022 as there has been a major change of circumstances which render it necessary for the PAN to be reduced in the 2022 admissions arrangements.

We do not propose to make any other changes to our admissions policy.

Factors that have been considered by the Trustees of NWLJDS, in deciding to consult on this proposal, are;

- The school has had a falling roll in recent years. There is currently only one class with more than 30 children, the majority being in the mid-twenties.
- The reduction in PAN reflects the forecast in demand for places
- The number of Jewish schools in closer proximity to the Jewish population of Brent and Barnet has increased, resulting in NWLJDS receiving fewer applications from Jewish families.
- Post Brexit, Jewish families from the EU, which make up a significant proportion of our intake, have relocated or are planning to relocate.
- The financial burden of maintaining the level of staffing required for the reduced number of pupils on roll is unsustainable.
- Class sizes for KS1 require one teacher for a maximum of 30 pupils. This change will bring NWLJDS in line with all other comparable schools.
- The reduction in numbers will lead to the more efficient use of resources

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The Board of Governors have committed to reviewing the PAN if the local demand dictates a need for this in the future.

How to Respond

This consultation will run from 27^h October 2021 to 6th December 2021 and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to the Chair of Governors Mr A Donoff on email below

Email: adonoff@nwljds.org.uk

Written Response: Chair of Governors
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Following the consultation period, the Board of Governors of North West London Jewish Day School will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Admission arrangements for 2022 will be determined by February 2022.

Signed by;



Miss Judith Caplan (Head Teacher)



Mr Ashley Donoff (Chair of Governors)

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