Tubbenden Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier this term, we wrote to you about our plans for two Reception classes at Tubbenden from September 2027. We are now getting back in touch to invite you to share your views on a proposal to formally reduce the number of Reception places from September 2028.

For September 2027, two Reception classes are an informal planning arrangement based on the number of children we expect to join us. Our Published Admission Number (PAN), the number of Reception places set out in our published admission arrangements, will remain at 90 for that intake.

From September 2028, we are proposing to formally reduce our PAN from 90 to 60. A formal change to our published admission arrangements must go through a consultation before a decision is made. If the proposal goes ahead, we would offer 60 Reception places across two classes each year from September 2028.

Falling birth rates mean fewer children are reaching primary school age across Bromley. We have reviewed local pupil forecasts with the Local Authority, which supports the proposal to bring the number of Reception places we offer into line with expected demand. The proposed change would apply to new Reception intakes from September 2028. Children already attending Tubbenden would continue in their year groups as usual.

We would welcome views from parents, carers and the wider school community. The consultation period opens today (20th November) and will close at 12:00 noon on 1st January 2027. If you would like to submit feedback or comments regarding this proposal, please use this form.

Kind regards,

Ms S Taylor
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