

Humberstone Infant School: Consultation on a Proposal to Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) from September 2027

Consultation Period: Monday 3rd November 2025– Monday 22nd December 2025

1. Introduction

Humberstone Infant School is consulting on a proposal to reduce the school's Published Admission Number (PAN) for admission to Reception from 90 to 75, to take effect from September 2027. This consultation is being carried out in line with the requirements of the School Admissions Code (2021), which requires admission authorities to consult on any proposed changes to admission arrangements.

2. Background

Humberstone Infant School currently has a PAN of 90 pupils per year group, organised into three classes of 30. Over the past five years, the number of applications for Reception places has declined, reflecting a drop in local birth rates and reduced demand for places in the area. The Trust has reviewed projected pupil numbers and school capacity, and is proposing to reduce the PAN to ensure that the school can continue to operate efficiently and maintain high-quality education for all pupils.

3. Proposed Change

It is proposed that the Published Admission Number for entry into Reception from September 2027 will be reduced from 90 to 75. This means that from September 2027 onwards, the school will admit up to 75 pupils into Reception each year. There are no proposed changes to the admissions oversubscription criteria or to any other aspect of the school's admission arrangements.

4. Rationale for the Proposal

The proposal is being made to ensure the efficient and sustainable use of resources, maintain high-quality teaching and learning through appropriate class sizes, and align the number of school places with local demand and demographic trends. It will also help protect the school's long-term financial stability. This proposal does not affect any pupils currently on roll at the school or those offered places for entry in September 2026 or earlier.

5. Who Are We Consulting?

This consultation is open to:

- Parents and carers of children currently attending Humberstone Infant School or Humberstone Junior School
- Parents of prospective pupils,

- School staff and Trustees
- Local Authority, local schools and early years providers, and other stakeholders in the local community.

6. How to Respond

We welcome feedback from all stakeholders on this proposal. You can share your views by emailing your response to consultation@humberstoneacademy.co.uk or by writing to Humberstone Infant School, FAO: Executive Headteacher. The consultation will close on Monday 22nd December 2025. All responses received by this date will be considered by the Trust Board before a final decision is made.

7. Next Steps

After the consultation period closes, all responses will be reviewed and presented to the Trust Board. A final decision on the proposed reduction will be made by February 2026, in line with the statutory requirement to determine admission arrangements by 28 February 2026. Once determined, the final admission arrangements will be published on the school's website and shared with the Local Authority.

8. Summary of Proposal

	Current PAN	Proposed PAN (from September 2027)
Reception Intake	90 pupils	75 pupils

9. Contact for Queries

Email feedback questions or queries to: consultation@humberstoneacademy.co.uk

Write to the school, FAO the Executive Headteacher

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