



London Borough of Camden
Children and Learning Directorate

Date: 19 December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Consultation on Proposed Change to Admissions – Reduction of Published Admission Number (PAN) from September 2027

We are writing to inform you about an important consultation regarding the admissions arrangements for **Hampstead School**.

The **School Admissions Code 2021** requires the admissions authority – in this case, Camden Council for community schools – to consult on any proposed changes to admission arrangements, including reductions in the Published Admission Number (PAN).

What is being proposed?

We propose to **reduce the PAN for Hampstead School from 210 to 180 places** for Year 7 entry, effective from **September 2027**.

This recommendation is part of Camden's wider school sufficiency planning. Forecasts show a **decline in pupil numbers across the borough**, resulting in a significant surplus of secondary school places. Without intervention, Camden could have **1,659 places for only 1,370 Year 7 pupils in 2027**, leaving 17% of places vacant.

Reducing PAN at Hampstead will help ensure resources are used efficiently while maintaining high-quality education. Even with this change, there will still be enough places for local children.

Why is this necessary?

- Falling birth rates and population trends mean fewer children entering Secondary school across the Borough.
- Surplus places can impact school budgets and sustainability.
- Adjusting PAN helps maintain a balanced and efficient school system.

Consultation Timeline

- **Consultation opens:** 19 December 2025
- **Consultation closes:** 30 January 2026
- **Determination deadline:** 28 February 2026

How to respond

We welcome your views on this proposal. Please submit your comments by **30 January 2026** via:

- **Email:** sandra.lawal@camden.gov.uk
- **Post:** Admissions Team, London Borough of Camden, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE

Full details of the consultation and supporting information are available on Camden's website:

[School admissions general information - Camden Council](#)

Thank you for taking the time to share your views. Your feedback is important in shaping the future of our school community.

Yours sincerely,

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