

## Consultation

### Proposal to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) of The Baird Primary Academy from 60 to 45 from September 2025

As the Admission Authority for The Baird Primary Academy, Parker Road, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 3TH, the University of Brighton Academies Trust, would like to invite views on a proposal to change the admission arrangements for children starting school in September 2025.

Admission Authorities are required to consult if they intend to change their admission arrangements from those determined in the previous year. The proposed arrangements are published alongside this letter with the only proposed change from the already determined arrangements being the reduction in PAN for The Baird Primary Academy.

#### Rationale

Birth rates in the Hastings area continue to fall and the Reception year intakes in Hastings are forecast to remain well below the PAN of the schools in the town until at least the middle of the decade and probably beyond. This will result in higher numbers of surplus places in some schools and The Baird Primary Academy has been identified as being particularly vulnerable to this as the roll has been falling in recent years.

A reduction in the PAN to 45 places would give the academy more certainty to undertake planning based on a full intake and ensure efficiency in the staffing model. Additionally, with a reduced number of places available there would be fewer children joining as in-year admissions providing additional stability for the staff and pupils.

#### Responses

We would welcome your views and comments on this proposal and invite you to respond by **Friday 19 January 2024**:

- In writing to the Office at The Baird Primary Academy, Parker Road, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 3TH – please mark correspondence “Admissions Consultation”
- By email to [enquiries@brightonacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@brightonacademiestrust.org.uk) with “Admissions consultation” as the subject line

At the conclusion of the consultation the Board of Trustees will review the responses and make a decision which will be published on the academy website.

We look forward to receiving your comments.

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