

Birmingham City Council School Organisation Proposals

Notice of Proposed Change to the Age Range of Thornton Primary School

Notice is given in accordance with Section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Birmingham City Council ('the Council') is proposing to make a prescribed alteration to Thornton Primary School, Thornton Road, Ward End, Birmingham B8 2LQ ('the School'), a community primary school, namely to change the lower age range at the School from 4 years to 7 years.

The School currently has a lower age limit of 4 years. The Published Admission Number (PAN) is for 30 pupils in each year from Reception to Year 2 (Key Stage 1, KS1), and a PAN of 150 pupils in each year from Years 3 to 6 (Key Stage 2, KS2). If this prescribed change is approved, KS1 provision at the School would be phased out and the School's lower age limit will be 7 years by 1st September 2019. If the proposal is approved, the Schools Adjudicator has given permission to reduce the PAN for Reception in September 2017 to zero and this will mean no pupils will be admitted in Reception for this year. However, the school will continue to admit pupils into Year 3. The proposal is also for the Year 3 PAN to be reduced to 120 pupils from 1 September 2020 onwards as the current KS1 pupils will have entered KS2.

If the proposal is not approved, the Local Authority can increase PAN without further referral to the Schools Adjudicator.

The School's admissions criteria for entry to Year 3 currently state that pupils who attend Sladefield Infant School have priority when places in Year 3 at the School are allocated. The Council proposes that this admission criterion would stay the same.

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be found on www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/thornton

If you require a hardcopy of the complete proposal this can be obtained by writing to: School Organisation Team, Education and Skills Infrastructure, PO Box 15843, Birmingham B2 2RT, or by requesting a copy from the School. Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to, comment on or make representations regarding these proposals by submitting comments through the above web site or by writing to the School Organisation Team at the above postal address. The date by which objections, comments and representations must be received is **1st December 2016**. The Council will then take all views into consideration and make a determination regarding the proposal by 1st February 2017. If the Council does not make a determination on or before that date the Schools Adjudicator will determine whether the proposal shall take effect.

Signed: Peter Hay, Strategic Director for People

Date: 3rd November 2016