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Dear Parents/Carers and wider Stakeholders,

South Rise Primary School: Proposal to reduce the Published Admission Number

You may be aware that like many Local Authorities, Royal Borough of Greenwich is experiencing falling rolls in the mainstream sector of the junior and primary phases.

You will have noticed that this year, we decided to open only two classes in both Reception and Year 5. This trend is predicted to continue.

As a result of this we are consulting on making changes to our published admission numbers (PAN).

The Compass Partnership of Schools and the Leadership Teams of South Rise propose to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Reception, and other year groups where necessary, from 90 to 60 to take effect from September 2027. South Rise will internally reduce year group size to 60 where needed from September 2026.

Reducing the PAN will assist the Trust to provide stability in its long-term planning and allow the Schools to secure high-quality educational outcomes for our youngest pupils currently on our roll, while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers in line with demand in the local area.

Although the Regulations and Code of Practice relating to school admissions no longer require an admissions authority to consult when maintaining or increasing a school's PAN, there remains a requirement to consult when the proposal is to reduce.

We currently have a temporary change of pupil numbers in year 5 which has led to us opening 2 classes rather than the usual 3. This has been informally supported by the Local Authority. We have engaged with the School Place Planning Team and have confirmed that this decision will not impact negatively on their planning requirements.

The proposed change will not affect the current pupils.

Specific Proposal

South Rise Primary School, along with our Trust, propose to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 90 to 60 with effect from September 2027. For pupils who already have a place at South Rise, there will be no change, however other year groups, where necessary, will reduce to 2 classes.

It is important to consider the views of our parents and the wider community. The consultation will run until **12th January 2026**. All stakeholders are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal to:

PAN Consultation
C/O Alderwood Primary School
Rainham Close, Eltham,
London, SE9 2JB

Email: contact@compassps.uk

As set out in the Schools Admission Code, we are entering into a statutory period of consultation. Following the consultation, admission arrangements for September 2027 will be determined and **published by 15th March 2026**.

If you wish to discuss the content of this letter any further, please do not hesitate to contact the respective School Offices.

Yours sincerely,



Katie Cutajar

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For and on behalf of The Compass Partnership of Schools