



**Consultation for the Reduction in Planned Admission Numbers for  
Abbot Alphege Academy and  
to bring Horrington Primary School into the Trust's Admission Arrangements for  
for the academic year 2024/25**

**Summary**

The Partnership Trust is consulting on the following:

(a) Published Admission Numbers (PAN) for one of its academies (known as schools) within the Local Authority of Bath and North East Somerset as set out below:

- **Abbot Alphege Academy: Consultation to reduce PAN from 30 to 15 for Reception admissions for 2024 onwards**

Factors that have been considered by the Board of Trustees in deciding to consult on this proposal include:

- Intake numbers for Reception cohorts across the last 3 years
- The continued ability of the school to provide sufficient places for local children
- The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils thus facilitating continuing school improvement
- Future resource planning and management
- The capacity and effectiveness of the school resources management

The Trust and the school will continue to look at local demand and if it is felt that there is a local need for school places in the future the Board of Trustees would consider increasing the PAN as appropriate.

(b) For one of its schools in the Somerset Local Authority as follows:

Horrington Primary School: Changes to the admission arrangements to bring the school in line with the Trust's general admission arrangements for admissions into reception from September 2024 onwards.

Horrington Primary School joined The Partnership Trust on 1 December 2022. The Board of Trustees wishes to ensure that that school's arrangements are in line with those for all mainstream schools within the Trust. There are no proposed changes to the school's oversubscription criteria as published for admissions in September 2023.

*There are no other changes that are proposed to the admission arrangements.*

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## **Context**

### **Abbot Alphege Academy : Consultation on reduction of PAN from 30 to 15**

The school was built in 2017 as part of a housing development and primarily to accommodate children residing within the development. The school joined The Partnership Trust in September 2018.

Whilst the school has grown since inception it has not reached its originally planned admission number, in part as a result of the local demographic, the location of the school, and birth rate.

As a result of the gap between the school's published admission number and actual numbers of pupils on roll, discussions have taken place with the school's Headteacher, Local Governing Body, the Trust's Executive Team and the Board of Trustees in connection with the pupil numbers and the ability of the school to plan both in connection with staffing and financially to ensure that the needs of the pupils remain fully supported.

This reduction in PAN will not affect the ethos, values and success of the school but will enhance the provision of education it can provide in a planned way. Reducing the PAN will also assist the school and the Trust to provide stability in their long-term planning and allow the school to continue to secure high quality educational outcomes for the pupils currently on roll, while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers in line with anticipated demand.

In partnership with the Local Authority and Diocese of Bath and Wells, the Trust and the school will continue to look at local demand and if evidence suggests that there may be insufficient school places to meet local demand in the future, would consider to increase the PAN to 30.

### **Horrington Primary School: Consultation for the school's admission arrangements to bring in line with the Multi Academy Trust of which they are part**

Horrington Primary School joined The Partnership Trust on 1 December 2022.

Upon joining the organisation, The Partnership Trust become the admissions authority for the school. As such they wish to ensure that the arrangements for the school align with all other mainstream schools within The Partnership Trust. The arrangements are not materially different to those which the school has operated under for admissions in 2023 and there are no proposed changes to the school's oversubscription criteria for the same year.

### **Why are we consulting?**

Multi Academy Trusts are their own admission authority and must meet all mandatory provisions of the School Admission Code. We consult on our admission arrangements to ensure transparency and openness on the contents of our arrangements and to allow parents, carers and other stakeholders to make a representation that can then be considered as part of the determination of the arrangements.

The Partnership Trust as the admissions authority is seeking comments on these proposed changes to the PAN. The Partnership Trust Board of Trustees will consider representations and recommendations from the consultation exercise before making any decision on the proposal.

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### **Specific Proposal**

- Abbot Alphege Academy: Reduction in the Published Admission Numbers from 30 to 15 from September 2024.

*This means that the maximum number of pupils intended to be admitted in Reception in 2024 onwards, and all subsequent Reception cohorts, will be 15. For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change.*

- Horrington Primary School: Change in admission arrangements to align with those of The Partnership Trust, the Multi Academy Trust of which the school is now part.

*There are no material changes that arise from this proposal, the arrangements continue to follow the mandatory requirements of the Admissions Code and there are no proposed changes to the school's oversubscription criteria.*

### **Who are we consulting with?**

During this statutory consultation we want to consult with as many stakeholders as possible including:

- parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen;
- other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions;
- all other admission authorities within the relevant area (except that primary schools need not consult secondary schools);
- the local authority and
- any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority.
- for Abbot Alphege Academy, the Diocese of Bath and Wells

### **Consultation Timetable**

The School Admissions Code states that when changes are proposed to admission arrangements, admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements (including any supplementary information) that will apply for admission applications the following school year. Consultation must last for a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1 October and 31 January in the determination year.

Our timetable for the consultation is as follows:

Consultation Period begins: Thursday 15 December 2022

Consultation Period ends: Friday 27 January 2023

The Board of Trustees will make their decision w/b 6 February 2023

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For the duration of the consultation The Partnership Trust, Abbot Alphege Academy and Horrington Primary School websites will display the following documents:

- A copy of this consultation document
- Admission Arrangements for 2023-24 Admissions
- Proposed Admission Arrangements for 2024-25 Admissions

Website addresses:

The Partnership Trust: <https://thepartnershiptrust.co.uk/>

Abbot Alphege Academy: <https://abbot-alphege.org.uk/>

Horrington Primary School: <https://www.horringtonprimary.co.uk/>

### **When would the changes come into effect?**

If approved, the arrangements would be introduced for September 2024 entry onwards.

### **Have your say**

Please let us know your thoughts by Tuesday January 2023.

either by:

- Email – [office@thepartnershiptrust.com](mailto:office@thepartnershiptrust.com). Please include Admissions consultation and the name of the school in the email subject line  
or
- Post – Please mark your envelope Admissions Consultation, The Partnership Trust, Fosse Way School, Radstock BA3 3AL

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU TELL US WHICH YOU SCHOOL YOU ARE RESPONDING ABOUT IN YOU COMMUNICATION WITH US.**

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