



Consultation: Bourne Education Trust school admissions arrangements for 2027/28

School: The Mead Infant School

Introduction:

The Mead Infant School (the school) is an infant school in Bourne Education Trust (BET / the Trust). Bourne Education Trust delegates its role as the admissions authority for The Mead Infant School along with the task of determining the school's admissions arrangements to the school's Local Governing Committee (LGC) in line with the Trust's scheme of delegation.

Consultation for The Mead Infant School Admissions Arrangements 2027/28:

The school is consulting to amend its admissions arrangements with effect from the 2027/28 academic year. The amendments are as follows:

- For entry into Reception during the 2027/28 academic year, a reduction in our published admission number (PAN) from 90 to 60

Rationale for PAN Reduction:

The number of Reception children joining The Mead in 2025 was 77 children. Surrey County Council's most recent projections suggest an over-supply of Reception places in the area which leads us to conclude that we are unlikely to be in a position where we will reach PAN in the foreseeable future. Therefore, the most cost-effective option for the school at this stage is to reduce our PAN to 60 and to operate two classes from 2027/28 rather than three.

Bourne Education Trust and The Mead Infant School's Local Governing Committee are committed to reviewing the PAN. The school is committed to reviewing the PAN and discussing the possibility of bulge classes in future as necessary with Surrey County Council if there is demand.

Please note:

The nursery provision within The Mead Infant School has a separate admissions policy and is not included within this consultation.

Deadline for responses:

The consultation begins on 24th November 2025 and runs for six weeks, with a closing date of 19th January 2026. Please provide any comments on the consultation by email to office@mead.surrey.sch.uk