

Cheadle Primary School

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Business Case to Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN)

Approved by the Full Governing Board on 10th September 2019

Introduction

It is proposed to reduce Cheadle Primary School's Published Admission Number (PAN) from 40 to 30 to reflect local pupil demand.

In September 2019, 26 pupils were admitted to Reception.

Reducing the PAN will enable the Governing Board to establish stable long-term planning.

Cheadle Primary School Details

Unique Reference Number – 106038

Address – Ashfield Road, Cheadle, SK8 1BB

Current Published Admission Number (PAN) – 40

Current Reception Intake – 26

Proposal Details

Cheadle Primary School proposes to reduce its PAN from 40 to 30. This reflects significant additional primary capacity following the opening of Cheadle Hulme Primary School in September 2018 which created 60 additional Reception places and a further 30 additional Reception places in Gatley Primary School in September 2019.

Rationale

- Since September 2018, an additional 90 Reception places have been created approximately 1 mile from Cheadle Primary School. This is due to the opening of Cheadle Hulme Primary School and the additional 30 places created at Gatley Primary School.
- As a result of these factors, currently, within a 2 mile radius of Cheadle Primary School, there are now 61 excess Reception places within the local area which is significant. (see table 1)
- Cheadle Hulme Primary School does not have a catchment area so therefore pupils living closest to the school have priority. Cheadle Primary School is only 1 mile away. In addition, places there are guaranteed for future siblings and for Laurus High School.
- Although the new Barnes Village development falls within the catchment area for Cheadle Primary School, geographically our school is not the closest. Already new pupils who reside in Barnes Village have opted to attend the closest and more easily accessed school (within Manchester Local Authority).
- It is expected that Cheadle Primary School will remain undersubscribed for the foreseeable future.

Table 1: Local Authority Excess Places

School	Distance from CPS	PAN	2019/20 Projected Intake	Actual Intake	Excess Places
Cheadle Primary		40	38	26	14
Meadowbank Primary (Academy)	0.7 miles	60	60	60	0
Etchells Primary	2 miles	60	50	45	15
Gatley Primary (Academy)	1.1 mile	60 (plus an additional 30)	60	90	0
Lum Head Primary	1.5 miles	45	45	28	17
Oak Tree Primary	1.4 miles	90	60	75	15
Cheadle Hulme Primary (Academy)	1.1 miles	60	60	60	0
Totals		445	388	384	61

Table 2: Local Authority Projections

Schools	PAN	2020/21 Projected Intake	2021/22 Projected Intake	2022/23 Projected Intake
Cheadle Primary	40	35	39	41
Meadowbank Primary (Academy)	60	57	55	57
Etchells Primary	60	54	58	56
Gatley Primary (Academy)	60 (plus an additional 30)	55	54	52
Lum Head Primary	45	36	39	39
Oak Tree Primary	90	75	67	72
Cheadle Hulme Primary (Academy)	60	60	60	60
Totals	445	73 excess places	73 excess places	68 excess places

- It is clear from the projections that there will continue to be considerable excess Reception places within the area for the next 3 years (see table 2).
- It is also clear from the projections that Cheadle Primary School and one other local school have been significantly affected by the 90 additional places available.
- Whilst the projections for Cheadle Primary School for the next 3 years appear to be reasonably high (35, 39, 41), it is already clear that the projections have been inaccurate.
- This year, although we were projected to have 38 in reception, the additional spaces created have reduced our number by 12. If the additional places continue to be available in the coming years, we can expect our projections to be approximately 25, 29 and 31.
- If Gatley Primary School revert to an intake 60 Reception children rather than 90, it is still projected that there will be 43, 43, 38 excess places over the next 3 years within a 2 mile radius of Cheadle Primary.

It should be noted that the purpose of the proposed reduction is not to cap admissions permanently at the lower level but to bring the admission capacity more in line with the actual number of pupils admitted to school.

The PAN could be raised again if local demand and long-term projections for places increases.

Impact:

The reduced PAN will:

- **enable the school to re-configure its budget and spending to match lower funding levels due to lower pupil numbers, which will ensure financial stability. Without a reduction in PAN the school will run significant and persistent deficits.**
- **enable the school to re-configure its organisation and operate single aged classes throughout school, which would allow for straightforward delivery of the National Curriculum which is planned in year groups. Mixed-age classes are not always popular with parents and therefore, single year groups are often preferred.**
- **remove the necessity for annual re-grouping and enable children to move through primary school with their peer group. This will allow them to forge and maintain friendships, effectively supporting their mental health and well-being.**
- **enable the school to re-configure its teaching and learning spaces.**
- **give increased capacity and space within school to create additional learning spaces.**