

Consultation to reduce Sun Academy Bradwell's Published Admission Number from September 2026

Introduction

Academy Transformation Trust is consulting on a reduction in the published admission number (PAN) at Sun Academy Bradwell from 30 down to 15 effective from 1st September 2027.

The current PAN for Sun Academy Bradwell of 30 was agreed when it met demand for places at that time. Owing to falling birth rates, the current published admission number of 30 is much higher than the estimated pupil numbers and the Local Authority pupil place plan for 2027 and going forward.

The proposed change will enhance the ability of our Trust Board and Education Directorate to support resource management and planning to ensure both the academy and its learning environment remain both viable and suitable for the delivery of its current high standard of education.

No pupil who already has a place at the academy will be affected by this proposal.

Specific Proposal

The Academy Transformation Trust's Board and Sun Academy Bradwell are proposing to reduce the published admission number from 30 to 15 effective from September 1st, 2027. This means the number of places available for pupils in Reception will be 15 and will remain at 15 for all subsequent Reception cohorts going forward.

Academy Transformation Trust's Board and Sun Academy Bradwell have considered a number of key factors in deciding to hold a consultation in regard to the proposal:

- The ability of the academy to support pupil place planning and provide sufficient places for local pupils.
- The school places available at other undersubscribed primary schools within a 1.5 mile radius are all currently below capacity and the pupils numbers are expected to decline further within the area based upon the childcare sufficiency survey data
- A falling local birthrate, which shows no sign of reversing
- The difficulties of providing a sustainable staffing model with Reception cohorts of fewer than 30 pupils for the past three years.
- Management and resource planning and its efficiency in supporting the required pupil cohorts.

Academy Transformation Trust is committed to supporting pupil place planning within each local authority in which we operate and would consider reviewing the published admission number in future should the need in the area require this support.

Consultation period

The consultation period is running from 18 November until 9 January 2026.



Natalie Deen

Director of Primary Education, Academy Transformation Trust

Who is being consulted

The consultation of this proposal is for the attention of the following:

- Local parents with children at the school or under school age
- Residents/people in the area with an interest in the proposal
- All other relevant admission authorities within the local area
- The local authority
- Neighbouring local authorities

How to respond

Academy transformation Trust and Sun Academy Bradwell welcome your views on this proposal, and you can engage in the following ways:

Email: consultations@attrust.org.uk with the subject header **Sun Academy PAN**

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