

Friday 19th December 2025

## PAN Consultation

### **Proposed reduction in the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 70 to 60 for Baines' Endowed Church of England Primary Academy and Nursery with effect from September 2027**

#### **Background**

The current PAN for Baines' Endowed Church of England Primary Academy and Nursery is 70, which means that we admit no more than 70 children into Reception each year. Recent admissions have fluctuated and school is below PAN in some year groups. Forecasts from Blackpool Council show that the birth rate for future years is reducing. As a result, Cidari Education Limited and Baines' Endowed Church of England Primary Academy and Nursery are seeking to consult and reduce the PAN from 70 to 60. This reduction in PAN will not affect the ethos, values and success of Baines' Endowed Church of England Primary Academy and Nursery. Reducing the PAN will assist the school and the Trust to provide stability in its long-term planning and allow the school to continue to secure high quality education for the pupils currently on roll, whilst continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupils in line with local demand.

There are ten primary schools and academies within Blackpool's south planning area. They offer 500 places each September for Reception age children. Blackpool Council's pupil number forecast for January 2026 estimates that there will be around 413 children in reception places at schools in this planning area. This leaves 87 available reception places in the area. The number of unfilled spaces is set to grow year on year. Current forecasts from those responsible for school place planning are for Reception intake numbers to reduce each year up to September 2034 intakes.

Cidari Education Limited will continue to review local demand and if there is increased demand for places in the future, will review the PAN in liaison with Blackpool Council.

#### **Impact**

The proposal means that the number of places available for children in Reception in 2027, and all subsequent Reception cohorts will be 60. This change will have no effect on children already attending Baines' Endowed Church of England Primary Academy.

Factors considered by Cidari Education Limited, in consultation with the Local Academy Council and Blackpool Council Admissions Team, are:

- The continued ability of Baines' Endowed Church of England Primary Academy to provide places for local children
- Overall availability of primary places in the Blackpool south planning area
- The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils, thus facilitating continuing
- School improvement
- Future resource planning and management.

### How to respond

This consultation will run from 19th December 2025 to 30th January 2026.

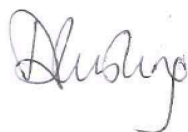
We invite you to submit comments in writing about the proposal either by:

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Following the consultation period, Cidari Education Limited, in consultation with Blackpool Council will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Admission arrangements for September 2027 will be determined by 28th February 2026.

Yours sincerely,



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