

Elaine Primary School statutory consultation on the admission arrangements for the academic year September 2027

Consultation period: Monday, 1st December 2025 to Monday, 12th January 2026 at 5pm

Admissions Code of Practice 2021 requires an Admissions Authority to consult each time it proposes to make significant changes to its admissions arrangements. Inspire Partnership Academy Trust the Admission Authority for Elaine Primary School, Elaine Avenue, Rochester, Kent, ME2 2YN is consulting on the proposed change to the admissions criteria at Elaine Primary School for September 2027.

The proposal to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) at Elaine Primary School from 60 to 30 reflects the ongoing decline in demand for primary school places at the school. Over the last four years, the school has not exceeded 40 pupils in Reception and this year it is operating with an informal cap of 30 with Local Authority (LA) support. Formalising this arrangement will ensure that the school's capacity aligns with actual local need, supports long-term sustainability, helps avoid surplus places, and enables the school to maintain high-quality provision for pupils.

There are no other material changes to our proposed arrangements, so although the full draft document is included for completeness, we are not seeking feedback on any other aspect of these arrangements.

The full arrangements can be viewed [here](#).

Consultation responses

The Trustees of Inspire Partnership Trust invite you to submit your views or make comments, in writing, by 5pm on Monday, 12th January 2026. Responses to this consultation can be made by email to our Governance Administrator, Julie Newman - jnewman@inspirepartnership.co.uk submitted by 5pm on Monday, 12th January 2026.