Statutory Consultation on the proposed change to the published admission number (PAN) for Elmwood Infant school from the 2028-29 academic year.

Consultation period: 9 November 2026 to 18 December 2026

1) What are we consulting on?

Croydon Council is consulting on proposed change to the published admission number (PAN) for Elmwood Infant school from September 2028. This is mainly due to a reduction in pupil number and birth rate.

2) Who we are consulting:

In accordance with the School Admissions Code (2021), we are consulting with key stakeholders, including;

- All schools/admission authorities in Croydon - governing bodies/academy trusts
- Parents and carers;
- Neighbouring Admission Authorities;
- Local residents;
- Ward Members;
- Anyone else who has an interest in the proposed changes.

3) Consultation period

The consultation on the proposed changes will run from Monday 9 November 2026 to Friday 18 December 2026.

4) Proposal

The proposed reduction to Elmwood Infant school published admission number (PAN) from 120 to 90, from September 2028.

Following a proposal and agreement from the School's Governing Body, Croydon Council proposes to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) at Elmwood Infants School from 120 to 90 places from September 2028.

5) Statutory requirement

The Council is the Admission Authority for community schools and is therefore responsible for consulting on proposed changes to these schools' admission arrangements.

The School Admissions Code, December 2021, requires all admission authorities to publicly consult for a minimum of six weeks on admission arrangements each year where there are proposed admission arrangement changes.

6) Consultation Timetable

Date	Action
9 November 2026	Start of consultation
18 December 2026	End of consultation period and deadline for submitting views.
From 19 December to 23 December 2026	Analysis of responses to consultation and draft consultation outcomes report
19 January 2027	Consultation outcomes report to Council's Cabinet Committee and schools' leadership team
20 January 2027	Executive Mayor's decision on consultation outcomes / determination of Admission Arrangements

This consultation period allows anyone with an interest to comment or raise any concerns about the proposed change to the published admission number (PAN) for the 2028-29 academic year.

If you have any questions, then please contact:
SchoolPlacePlanning@croydon.gov.uk

All comments must be received by 11:59pm on 18 December 2026.

7) What happens next?

After the closing date of 18 December 2026, responses will be analysed and a consultation outcomes report produced. This will be presented to the Council's Cabinet Committee on 20 January 2027 where a decision on the proposed change will be made.