



**BISHOP BEWICK CATHOLIC EDUCATION
TRUST**

c/o Sacred Heart Catholic High School
Fenham Hall Drive
Newcastle upon Tyne
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To Whom It May Concern,

RE : St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School (Blyth) –

The LGC propose to reduce the Published Admission Number of the primary age phase of the school from **45** to **30** with effect from September 2026. This means that the number of places available for children in Reception in 2026, and all subsequent Reception cohorts, will be **30**. This is the only proposed change to the admission criteria; all other criteria, including oversubscription, will remain the same. Factors that have been considered by the admission authority (Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust) in deciding to consult on this proposal include:

- Reducing the PAN to **30** will assist the admission authority in providing stability to their long-term planning while continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupil numbers living in the surrounding area.
- The continued ability of the school to provide sufficient places for local Catholic children.
- The provision of the most appropriate learning environment for all pupils thus facilitating continuing school improvement.
- Future resource planning and management.
- The capacity of the school resources management will be more effective.

This consultation will run from 25th November 2024 until 6th January 2025.

Please direct any comments to admissions@bishopbewickcet.org

Yours sincerely

Pauline Johnson and Graham Wilkins

Headteacher and Chair of Governors

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