

Consultation Document– Proposal to reduce the Published Admission Number for Middleton-in-Teesdale Academy - Academic Year 2027/2028

Executive Summary

The North East Learning Trust ('The Trust') is the admissions authority for Middleton-in-Teesdale Academy in County Durham. The Trust as the admissions authority must act in accordance with the School Admissions Code regarding school admissions.

It is a mandatory requirement of the National School Admissions Code that all schools must have admission arrangements that clearly set out how children will be admitted, including the criteria that will be applied if there are more applications than places at an Academy. As part of determining their admission arrangements, the Trust must set an admission number for each relevant age group. This is the age group which pupils are or will be normally admitted to the school, for Middleton-in-Teesdale Academy this is reception year.

The Trust are proposing a significant change to the published admission number for Middleton-in-Teesdale Academy. The proposal is to reduce the published admission number from 25 to 15 as the physical capacity for the new school building which is scheduled for completion in 2028 is as follows:

Ages 5 years – 11 years	90
Nursery	13
Reception	15
Total	118

The consultation will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code and will take place for a period of seven weeks between Monday 6 October 2025 and Friday 21 November 2025. The Trustees will consider the outcome of the consultation and make a final decision at their meeting on 17 December 2025.

The Trust is not proposing to make any changes to the over-subscription criteria.

Responses to the Consultation

The Trust welcome comments on the proposed change to the criteria to be used in the event of over-subscription. You can respond to the consultation [here](#) or by email to schooladmissions@nelt.co.uk or by post to Admission Consultation, North East Learning Trust, Traynor House, Traynor Way, Whitehouse Business Park, Peterlee, County Durham, SR8 2RU. The deadline for responses is 5pm on Friday 21 November 2025.