



Dear Parents,

5 November 2012

We have received a number of queries revolving around the results of the Parent Forum Survey and thought that it would be helpful to clarify the findings with you.

1. The results of the Parent Forum survey state that the number of children who may be seeking a place in **Reception** for September 2013 who will have siblings in the school are 25.
2. In fact, two children now in Year 4 have a sibling currently in Nursery. Under the Admissions criteria the sibling rule will not apply to the two younger children as their Year 4 siblings will have left the school at the point they would enter Reception.
3. Therefore, the numbers of children who may be seeking a place in **Reception** for September 2013 who will have siblings within the school are **23**.
4. As such, should the Hertfordshire County Council application for reduction in Greenway's PAN to 30 succeed (and none of this cohort of 23 leave the school) there may be **7 Reception** places open for children (without siblings at Greenway) currently in Nursery for September 2013.
5. No guarantees are ever given by the school or Hertfordshire County Council that a child in Nursery will succeed in gaining a place in Reception in any school including any school attached to the nursery currently attended by the child.
6. According to the results of the Parent Forum survey, should the Hertfordshire County Council application for reduction in PAN to 30 succeed, this may leave 15 children, currently in Nursery who may be seeking a place in Reception at Greenway in September 2013 ie the 13 children referred to within the survey plus the two children whose Year 4 siblings will have left the school in September 2013. (see paragraph 10 below).
7. The school believes that there may be 22 children seeking a place at Nursery at Greenway in January 2013.

8. We do not believe that any of these 22 children have siblings at Greenway – if they had siblings they would have been incorporated within the data obtained from the survey.
9. We will undertake a survey of the parents of the January 2013 intake of children at the nursery open evening on 15 November to ascertain whether or not they will require a place in Reception at Greenway in September 2013.
10. Should all 22 children intend to seek a place in Reception at Greenway for September 2013 they will join with the 15 children at paragraph 6 above (ie 37 children) in “competing” for the 7 Reception places available. The places will be allocated using the normal Hertfordshire County Council admissions criteria. Should the Hertfordshire County Council application for reduction in Greenway’s PAN to 30 succeed, 30 children will need to seek a Reception place elsewhere.
11. According to the results of the Parent Forum survey there may be **33** children entering **Nursery** in 2013-14 who will have an older sibling in the school.
12. As such, at the point that the school becomes a one form entry primary school in 2014, there may be **3** children unable to secure a place in Reception at Greenway in September 2014 who have an older sibling within the school

We would remind you that these figures are indicative only as we did not get a 100% response rate to our sibling survey and some families with children at Greenway may move away from the area

We trust that this information provides some clarity. We confirm that we are forwarding a copy of this letter to the Schools Adjudicator for her to place at Appendix 5 of the Head and Governors Response dated 19 October, prior to the meeting on 8 November.

Yours sincerely,

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