

## **Statement on Operational Capacity – Brownlow Primary School 2025-26**

As approved by the Board of Trustees, the Trust confirms that its operational capacity has been reviewed and is sufficient to meet the requirements of the School Admissions Code. This assessment has been undertaken in collaboration with the Local Authority to ensure alignment with local planning and fair access protocols.

**The Brownlow Primary School** will operate in years 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6 with a capacity of 75, for 2025-26.

The Trust's operational capacity encompasses the strategic and day-to-day management of admissions across its academies, ensuring that:

- **Published Admission Numbers (PANs)** are set in accordance with available resources, site capacity, and educational provision.
- **Admission arrangements** are fair, transparent, and compliant with statutory guidance, particularly in relation to vulnerable and disadvantaged children.
- **In-year admissions** are managed effectively, with clear procedures published on each academy's website, and coordinated with the Local Authority where applicable.
- **Fair Access Protocols (FAPs)** are supported, with the Trust actively participating in local arrangements to ensure that unplaced children are allocated school places promptly.
- **Capacity planning** is informed by demographic data, school improvement priorities, and the Trust's strategic growth framework, ensuring that any expansion or reduction in pupil numbers is sustainable and educationally sound.

This statement reflects the Trust's commitment to collaborative working with the Local Authority and other stakeholders, and to maintaining high standards of governance and operational delivery across all academies within the Trust.