



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Consultation on Proposed Changes to School Admissions Policies from September 2018

Background

1. The Admissions Code of Practice 2012 requires an admission authority to consult each time it proposes to make significant changes to its admission arrangements. The Archdiocese of Liverpool is co-ordinating a consultation process on behalf of the Governing Bodies that are the admission authorities of the schools listed in paragraph 5 of this document.
2. In accordance with the Admissions Code, a consultation period must run for a minimum of six weeks and take place between 1 October and 31 January. The process allows parents, other schools, local authorities and other interested stakeholders to raise comments or concerns about the proposed arrangements. This document is particularly for the attention of parents, other admissions authorities, the local authority and other local dioceses. **This consultation will run between 14 November 2016 and 6 January 2017.** Information on how you can respond can be found from paragraph 10 below.

Catholic Schools in the Trusteeship of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

3. It is expected that all schools within the Trusteeship of the Archdiocese of Liverpool - and those in other trusteeship that wish to do so - adopt a common admissions policy to fulfil the objectives of:
 - Ensuring that all of school Governing Bodies, as admissions authorities, are compliant with the current Admissions Code;
 - Supporting schools in admissions processes;
 - Ensuring that schools provide clear and consistent information to parents seeking a place at a Catholic school for their child, and;
 - Seeking to maximise the opportunities for Catholic siblings to access places in schools.
4. No changes are proposed to the oversubscription criteria in the common policy for admissions to schools in 2018. As such, for primary schools (including those named in paragraph 5 of this document) the proposed oversubscription criteria remain as follows:
 1. Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children.
 2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
 3. Baptised Catholic children resident in the [designated parish or parishes served by the school].
 4. Other baptised Catholic children.
 5. Other children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
 6. Children from other Christian denominations. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of their Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion is required.
 7. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
 8. Other children.

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5. The Archdiocese of Liverpool is undertaking this statutory consultation process with all interested parties on behalf of the following schools:
 - (i) St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Bournes Row, Hoghton, Preston, PR5 0DQ
 - (ii) St Luke's Catholic Primary School, Shaw Lane, Prescott, L35 5AT
 - (iii) Our Lady's Bishop Eton Catholic Primary School, Green Lane, Mossley Hill, Liverpool, L18 2EP

Specific Proposals

6. The Governing Body of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Hoghton wish to consult on a reduction in the school's planned admission number (PAN) from 21 to 15 with effect from September 2018. This means that the number of places available for children in the Reception class in 2018 – and all subsequent Reception class cohorts – will be 15. For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change; the admission number for all other years remains at 21. There are no changes proposed to the oversubscription criteria.
7. The Governing Body of St Luke's Catholic Primary School in Prescott wish to consult on a reduction in the school's planned admission number (PAN) from 35 to 30 with effect from September 2018. This means that the number of places available for children in the Reception class in 2018 – and all subsequent Reception class cohorts – will be 30. For children who already have a place at the school in other year groups there will be no change; the admission number for all other years remains at 35. There are no changes proposed to the oversubscription criteria.
8. The Governing Body of Our Lady's Bishop Eton Catholic Primary School in Mossley Hill wish to provide a further opportunity for consultation on their existing policy and oversubscription criteria. There are no material changes to the policy used for admissions in 2016 and no changes are proposed to the oversubscription criteria.
9. Further information on these proposals can be accessed via the following link and clicking on the school name. If you require a hard copy of the document please ask for one at the school. The document will also be made available on the school's website.

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/schools/Admissions-Consultations>

How to Return Your Comments

10. This consultation is co-ordinated by the Liverpool Archdiocese on behalf of each of the individual schools named in this document. The consultation period will run between 14 November 2016 and 6 January 2017 and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to: The Archdiocese of Liverpool, Schools Department, LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, L17 1AA. Alternatively you may wish to e-mail: c.williams@rcaol.co.uk. Comments should also be sent to the Chair of Governing Body at the school address.
11. Please submit any comments by Friday 6 January 2017. Following the consultation period each Governing Body will then need to meet before 28 February 2017 in order to formally determine the Governing Body's admission arrangements for the academic year commencing September 2018. Any subsequent objections will need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator by 15 May 2017.