



Archdiocese of
Liverpool

**Consultation on Proposed
Changes to School Admissions
Policies
from September 2021**

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 term time 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 2 December 2019 and 26 January 2020.** 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 under 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 2021. As such, for primary schools (including those named in paragraph 5 of this document unless specifically stated otherwise) the proposed oversubscription criteria remain as follows:
 1. Looked after children and previously looked after children. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
 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.

For secondary schools the proposed oversubscription criteria remain as follows:

1. Looked after children and previously looked after children. This includes children who appear to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Baptised Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children resident in [the designated 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 attending one of the following Catholic Feeder Primary Schools in the parishes named in criterion 3 above [feeder primary schools listed].
7. 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.
8. Children of other faiths. An appropriate Faith Leader would need to confirm in writing that the applicant is a member of their faith group.
9. Other children.

For all schools interested parties are invited to review admissions policies on school websites in case of minor school-specific variations to the common policy. Any such variations have been subject to prior consultation.

Schools Consulting on Changes to Admissions Policy

5. The Archdiocese of Liverpool is undertaking this statutory consultation process with all interested parties on behalf of the following schools:
 - (i) St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Overbury Street, Liverpool, L7 3HJ
 - (ii) All Saints' Catholic High School, Roughwood Drive, Kirkby, Knowsley, L33 8XF
 - (iii) Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School, Honeysgreen Lane, West Derby, Liverpool, L12 9HZ
 - (iv) St John Fisher Catholic High School, Baytree Road, Springfield, Wigan, WN6 7RN

Specific Proposals

6. The Governing Body of St Anne's Catholic Primary School in Liverpool wish to consult on a reduction in the school's planned admission number (PAN) from 60 to 30.
7. The Governing Body of All Saints' Catholic High School in Knowsley wish to consult on an amendment to criteria 2 and 5 of their oversubscription criteria and which refer to the admission of siblings.
8. The Governing Body of Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School in Liverpool wish to consult on a reduction in the school's planned admission number (PAN) from 240 to 210.
9. The Governing Body of St John Fisher Catholic High School in Wigan wish to consult on the addition of St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School to the named feeder primary schools listed under criterion 7 of their admissions policy.

10. Further information on the individual school 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/education/admissions-consultations>

How to Return Your Comments

11. 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 2 December 2019 and 26 January 2020 and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to: The Archdiocese of Liverpool, Education Department, Archdiocesan Offices, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, L17 1AA. Alternatively you may wish to e-mail: aes@rcaol.co.uk. Comments should also be sent to the Chair of Governing Body at the school address.
12. Please submit any comments no later than 26 January 2020. Following the consultation period each Governing Body will then need to meet before 28 February 2020 in order to formally determine the Governing Body's admission arrangements for the academic year commencing September 2021. Any subsequent objections will need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator by 15 May 2020.