



7th December 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation on Admission Arrangements for September 2019

On behalf of the Governing Body of Saint Michael Catholic School, I attach the proposed admissions arrangements for September 2019.

Summary of changes:

The Diocese of Westminster has prepared a new admissions policy for admission year 2019/2020.

We intend to implement this policy in its standard format.

A summary of the major changes in the policy are set out below:

1. The oversubscription criterion has been revised. There are now only 7 categories instead of the former 11 categories. The notes in relation to each of the categories are much clearer and shorter. The main changes are highlighted in yellow the attached policy.
2. There has been a change to the Practising Catholic definition and the assessment of the family's practice by parish priests. The reference to practising catholic has been removed. Instead the policy refers to a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice'. The parish priest will assess the family's practice and provide a Certificate of Catholic Practice to support and application for the school. At least one Catholic parent or carer must demonstrate Catholic practice for at least 5 years or the period the child has been received into the Catholic Church whichever is shorter.
3. The Supplementary Information Form had been revised and is much shorter than in previous years.
4. There are other minor amendments throughout the policy document, these are mainly to bring the policy into the standard format produced by the Diocese of Westminster.

In accordance with the revised School Admissions Code and the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2014, we are required to consult with you. Our consultation will be for a period of 6 weeks, from 8 December 2017 to 19 January 2018. If you have any comments on the proposed changes to our admission arrangements, please write to me at the above address or email admissions@st-michaels.surrey.sch.uk by 19 January 2018 so that we can consider your feedback. Alternatively, you can access the documents relating to the consultation from our school website at www.st-michaels.surrey.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

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