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RE - CONSULATION – ADMISSIONS POLICY AND SIF 2022/23

To whom it may concern,

Consultation on removal of Catholic Practice from the oversubscription criteria and hence the need for a priest to sign the SIF.

St Paul's Catholic Primary School would like to propose removing the Catholic Practice oversubscription criteria on the recommendation of the Diocese, see extract:

'If your school is one that uses evidence of Catholic practice as an oversubscription criteria, we would strongly recommend you review whether this is still needed within your policy. We are aware of a significant number of our schools that include this criterion even though each year they always admit a number of non-Catholics. This can cause an unnecessary impact on the workload of our priests and school and parish admin staff but is also against the spirit of the Admissions Code which asks for schools to use as few oversubscription criteria as possible'

The current Admission Policy states:

Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority.

1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children. (see notes 2&3)
2. Catholic children of regularly practising Catholic families. (see notes 3&4)
3. Catholic children of occasionally practising Catholic families. (see notes 3&4)
4. Other Catholic children. (see note 3)
5. Other looked after and previously looked after children. (see note 2)
6. Members of an Eastern Christian Church. (see note 5)1
7. Unbaptised children of a baptised Catholic parent (see note3)
8. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion. (see note 6)
9. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader. (see note 7)
10. Any other children.

THE PROPOSAL

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2. Catholic children. (see note 3)
3. Other looked after and previously looked after children. (see note 2)
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5. Unbaptised children of a Catholic parent (*see note 3*)
6. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion. (*see note 5*)
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8. Any other children.

St Paul's Catholic School have amended their Admission Policy and SIF for 2022/23 to reflect the Diocese recommendations.

Please refer to the Admissions Policy and SIF 2022/23 attached.

How to Respond

This consultation will run from **23rd November 2020** to **8th January 2021** and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the change above to the Clerk of Governors, Mrs Rachel Gonzalez.

Email: rgonzalez@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk

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Yours sincerely

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