



ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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To whom it may concern

ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS CONSULTATION

The governors of English Martyrs' RC Primary School are currently consulting on the proposed ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS to the school which will come into effect from September 2025.

As determined by the School Admissions Code, we are required to consult on these arrangements, and are inviting comments on the proposed changes.

The six-week consultation period runs from **Friday 15th December 2023 to Friday 26th January 2024.**

Attached is a copy of the proposed Arrangements. These documents can also be accessed on our school website. One key amendment that the Governing body is suggesting is the **removal of the requirement of a Supplementary form** in Criterion 2. Therefore, from 2025, Catholic children will only need evidence in the form a **Baptismal Certificate**. The two tables below provide a comparison between the current and proposed criteria.

Comments and other feedback responses to this consultation must be in writing to the school by email at office@emps.school or by post to: English Martyrs RC Primary school, Flint Street, London SE17 1RB by no later than Friday 26th January 2024.

Hard copies of the proposed arrangements are also available at the main school office.

Thank you.

John Camilleri
Headteacher

TABLE 1: ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

CURRENT ADMISSIONS CRITERIA	PROPOSED ADMISSIONS CRITERIA
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Looked after Catholic or looked after children in the care of Catholic families and previously looked after children who have become subject to a residence or guardianship order or who have been adopted. 2. Baptised Catholic Children from practising Catholic families who are resident in the parishes of English Martyrs’ and St Wilfrid’s (Schedule 3) who practice at either church or at a chaplaincy for their home language or at a church recognised as being in union with the Catholic Church (Schedule 1). Applications will be ranked in the order shown on the Supplementary Form. Firstly those who attend Mass weekly, secondly those who attend most weeks, thirdly monthly, fourthly several times a year, fifthly never. 3. Other baptised Catholic children who are resident in and practise in other parishes. 4. Other looked after children not of the catholic faith. 5. Children of families who are members of other Christian denominations that are part of Churches together in England (schedule 2). Evidence of Baptism (or equivalent provided by a priest or minister of a designated place or worship will be required). 6. Children who are members of other Christian Churches. 7. Any other applicants. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Looked after Catholic children and all previously looked after Catholic children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. Catholic children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care outside of England as a result of being adopted. 2. Baptised Catholic children. A baptismal certificate or evidence of reception into the Catholic Church must be provided. 3. Looked after children and all previously looked after children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a child arrangement order or special guardianship order. Children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be in state care outside of England as a result of being adopted. 4. Children enrolled in the catechumenate. Evidence of enrolment in the catechumenate will be required. 5. Children who are members of Eastern Orthodox Churches. Evidence of Baptism will be required. 6. Christians of other denominations and whose application is supported by a minister of religion. 7. Children who are members of other faiths and whose application is supported by a religious leader or evidence of membership provided with the application. 8. Any other children.

TABLE 2: OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

CURRENT OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA	PROPOSED OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA
<p>a. The attendance of a brother or sister, half-siblings, step, foster and adopted siblings living at the same address at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category. Evidence of the relationship may be required.</p> <p>b. The governing body will increase the priority of an application within a category where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical, pastoral or other need of the child which can be most appropriately be met at this school. The professional evidence should indicate the particular reason why the school is most appropriate to meet the needs, and the difficulties that would cause were the child at a different school.</p> <p>c. Where the offer of places to all the applicants in any of the categories listed above would still lead to oversubscription, the places up to the admission number will be offered to those living nearest to the school. The Governing Body determine the distance using the computerised Geographical Information System (GIS). This system measures the distance from each applicant’s home to the designated main entrance of the school by the shortest straight line route in metres. A centroid (centre point), supplied by Ordnance Survey (OS), determines the start point of the home address. If a child lives in a block of flats where a communal entrance is used, the centroid for the block and not the individual flat is used for calculation purposes. When dealing with multiple applications from a block of flats to the school, lower door numbers will take priority.</p>	<p>i. A brother or sister on the school roll at the time of admission. Evidence of the relationship maybe required. The governors will, where logistically possible, admit twins and all siblings from multiple births where one of the children is the last child ranked within the school’s published admissions number.</p> <p>ii. Living in the parish of English Martyrs’, Walworth or in the parish of St Wilfrid’s, Walworth. <i>(See attached appendix – Parish Maps and boundaries)</i></p> <p>iii. Social, pastoral and medical needs which make the school particularly suitable for the child in question. Strong and relevant evidence must be provided, at the time of application, by an appropriate professional authority (eg qualified medical practitioner, education welfare officer, social worker or priest).</p> <p>iv. Proximity to the school of the child’s home address, the distance measured in a straight line from the school entrance by the local authority using a geographical computerised informationsystem. Evidence of residence may be required. Where the last remaining place is to be allocated and two or more children are deemed to live at the same distance from the school the place willbe decided by the drawing of lots.</p>