



Archdiocese of
Liverpool

**Consultation on Proposed
Changes to School Admissions
Policies
from September 2022**

Section 1 – Introduction and Background

Background

- 1.1 The Admissions Code of Practice 2014 requires an admission authority to consult each time it proposes to make significant changes to its admission arrangements.
- 1.2 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 7 December 2020 and 29 January 2021.** Information on how you can respond can be found in Section 4, on page 10 of this document.
- 1.3 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 Appendix 1 of this document. They are listed in local authority groupings with primary, infant and junior schools first and secondary schools following them. The eight local authority areas in which there are schools involved in this consultation are: Halton, Knowsley, Lancashire, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens, Warrington and Wigan.
- 1.4 Some admissions authorities are consulting on proposed changes to the wording of their admissions policy; these changes are set out in Section 2 of this document. Some admissions authorities are consulting on proposed changes to the wording of their admissions policy and changes to their planned admission number (PAN); these changes are set out in Section 3 of this document.
- 1.5 A copy of the proposed admissions policy for each school can be accessed via the following link and clicking on the school name. Schools are arranged by local authority grouping. If you require a hard copy of the document, please ask for one at the school. The document will also be made available on each school's website.

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/education/Admissions---Appeals>

Catholic Schools in the Trusteeship of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

- 1.6 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.

Section 2 - Proposed Changes to Admissions Policies

The tables below set out the proposed changes. They are:

Table 1 – For all primary and secondary Schools listed in Appendix 1. This table can be found on pages 3-5 of the document.

Table 2 – For all primary schools listed in Appendix 1. This table can be found on page 6 of the document.

Table 3 – For all secondary schools listed in Appendix 1. This table can be found on page 7 of the document.

Table 1			
For Primary and Secondary Schools			
Area of Policy	Existing	Proposed Amendment	Reason
Oversubscription criterion 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	Looked after children and previously looked after children.	Following a complaint by Wigan Council about the admissions policy wording of 24 Catholic schools in the borough, the OSA upheld the Council's objection to the inclusion of children who appear to have been in state care outside of England. Pending proposed alterations to the Admissions Code to include such children formally in admissions policies, it is therefore proposed to remove such references from our common policy.
Notes	(Note B) A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious	Remove this section of Note B.	The text is no longer relevant to the oversubscription criteria

	organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Applications must be supported with appropriate evidence that the child has been adopted from state care.		with the proposed change to criterion 1.
Notes	No existing text.	<p>Note D: “Children of other Christian denominations” means: children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledging God’s revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God’s will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above. All members of Churches Together in England and of CYTÛN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis. Other faiths are defined as organisations whose values are based on faith and/or beliefs, which have a mission based on social values of a particular faith.</p> <p>Other faiths are defined as organisations whose values are based on faith and/or beliefs, which have a mission based on social values of a particular faith</p>	To better define children of other Christian denominations and other faiths

Notes	Home Address is considered to be the address where the child normally lives. Where care is split and a child moves between two addresses, the household in receipt of the child benefit would normally be the address used but the admission body reserve the right to request other proofs as fit the individual circumstance. Applicants should not state a childminder's or other relative's address.	Home address is considered to be the address where the child normally lives. Applicants should not state a childminder's or other relative's address. It may be necessary to carry out checks to confirm addresses given are genuine and parents may therefore be asked to provide documentary evidence of their child's home address.	To help to provide a more accurate indication of a child's actual address.

Table 2**For Primary Schools Only**

Area of Policy	Existing	Proposed Amendment	Reason
Notes	<p>If a parent wishes their child to be educated out of their normal age group (e.g. if the child is gifted and talented or has experienced problems such as ill health or is a summer born child) they must discuss this with the school before applying for a place. The decision rests with the school as admission authority as per para 2.17 of the Admissions Code.</p> <p>If there is more than one application for an available place reference will be made to the oversubscription criteria.</p>	<p>If a parent wishes their child to be educated out of their normal age group they must discuss this with the Headteacher before applying for a place. The decision rests with the school as admission authority as per para 2.17 of the Admissions Code.</p> <p>If there is more than one application for an available place reference will be made to the oversubscription criteria.</p>	To make clearer the process for seeking a place outside the normal age group
Notes	<p>If a child is a “summer born child”, parents can request that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred to later in the school year. However, an application must be made for a place for the relevant September intake and the child has to start school before the end of that school year.</p> <p>Parents of children who are offered a place at the school before they are of compulsory school age can defer their child’s entry until later in the school year or until their child reaches compulsory school age in that school year.</p> <p>Where entry is deferred, the school will hold the place for that child and not offer it to another child during the remainder of the school year.</p>	<p>Parents of children who are offered a place at the school before they are of compulsory school age can defer their child’s entry until later in the school year or until their child reaches compulsory school age in that school year.</p> <p>Parents can make a request to the Headteacher that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred to later in the school year. However, an application must be made for a place for the relevant September intake and the child has to start school before the end of that school year.</p> <p>Where entry is deferred, the school will hold the place for that child and not offer it to another child during the remainder of the school year.</p>	To make clearer the arrangements about the admission of children below compulsory school age

	<p>Parents cannot defer entry beyond the term after the child's fifth birthday, nor beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted.</p> <p>Parents can also request that their child attends part-time until their child reaches compulsory school age.</p> <p>Parents of a summer born child, born between April and August, may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday. The expectation would be that parents have decided that their child miss the reception year and would be applying for a year 1 place, depending upon availability.</p> <p>A request for a full year deferral with a start in Reception would be considered to be an application to admit outside the normal age range.</p>	<p>Parents cannot defer entry beyond the term after the child's fifth birthday, nor beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted.</p> <p>Parents can also request to the Headteacher that their child attends part-time until their child reaches compulsory school age.</p> <p>Parents of a summer born child, born between April and August, may choose not to send that child to school until the September following their fifth birthday.</p> <p>A request to the Headteacher for a full year deferral with a start in Reception would be considered to be an application to admit outside the normal age range.</p>	
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Table 3**For Secondary Schools**

<u>Area of Policy</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Notes	If a parent wishes their child to be educated out of their normal school year (kept back a year), they must discuss this with the school before applying. However, the decision on this rests with the school (para 2.17 of the Admissions Code).	<p>If a parent wishes their child to be educated out of their normal age group they must discuss this with the Headteacher before applying for a place. The decision rests with the school as admission authority as per para 2.17 of the Admissions Code.</p> <p>If there is more than one application for an available place reference will be made to the oversubscription criteria.</p>	To make clearer the process for seeking a place outside the normal age group

Section 3 - Proposed Changes to Planned Admission Number

3.1 In addition to as consulting on the changes set out in Section 2 of this document, the following admissions authorities also wish to consult on changes to their planned admission number (PAN):

- Christ the King High School and Sixth Form Centre, Stamford Road, Birkdale, Southport, PR8 4EX
- Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Arncliffe Road, Halewood, Knowsley, L25 9PA
- Maricourt Catholic High School, Hall Lane, Maghull, L31 3DZ
- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, Grantham Road, Birkdale, Southport, PR8 4LT
- SS Peter and Paul Catholic College, Highfield Road, Widnes, WA8 7DW
- St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, Windrows, New Church Farm, Skelmersdale, WN8 8NP
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Walton Avenue, Penketh, Warrington, WA5 2AU.

Specific Proposals

- 3.2 The Governing Body of Christ the King High School and Sixth Form Centre in Southport, Sefton, wish to consult on a reduction in the school's planned admission number (PAN) from 185 to 150.
- 3.3 The Governing Body of Holy Family Catholic Primary School in Halewood, Knowsley, wish to consult on an increase in the school's planned admission number (PAN) from 40 to 45.
- 3.4 The Governing Body of Maricourt High School in Maghull, Sefton, wish to consult on a reduction in the school's planned admission number (PAN) from 253 to 210.
- 3.5 The Governing Body of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School in Southport, Sefton, wish to consult on a reduction in the school's planned admission number (PAN) at Key Stage 2 (Year 3) from 90 to 60. The Reception class admission number will remain at 60.
- 3.6 The Governing Body of SS Peter and Paul Catholic College in Widnes wish to consult on a reduction in the school's planned admission number (PAN) from 300 to 280.
- 3.7 The Governing Body of St Edmund's Catholic Primary School in Skelmersdale, Lancashire, wish to consult on a reduction in the school's planned admission number (PAN) from 21 to 15.
- 3.8 The Governing Body of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Penketh, Warrington, wish to consult on a reduction in the school's planned admission number (PAN) from 45 to 30.
- 3.9 Further information on the individual school proposals can be accessed via the link below 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>

Section 4 - How to Return Your Comments

- 4.1 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 7 December 2020 and 29 January 2021 and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to: The Archdiocese of Liverpool, Education Department, Archdiocese Office, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, L17 1AA. Alternatively, you may wish to e-mail: aes@rcaol.org.uk. Comments should also be sent to the individual Chair of Governing Body at the school address.
- 4.2 Please submit any comments no later than Friday 29 January 2021. Following the consultation period each Governing Body will then need to meet before 28 February 2021 in order to formally determine the Governing Body's admission arrangements for the academic year commencing September 2022. Any subsequent objections will need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator by 15 May 2021.

Appendix 1 – Schools Consulting on Changes to Admissions Policy

Halton Local Authority

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School
St Basil's Catholic Primary School
St Bede's Catholic Infant School
St Bede's Catholic Junior School
St Gerard's Catholic Primary School
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School
St Michael's Catholic Primary School
Ss Peter & Paul Catholic College

Knowsley Local Authority

Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Cronton
Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Halewood
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School
Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School
St Aidan's Catholic Primary School
St Albert's Catholic Primary School
St Aloysius' Catholic Primary School
St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Primary School
St Anne's Catholic Primary School
St Brigid's Catholic Primary School
St Columba's Catholic Primary School
St John Fisher Catholic Primary School
St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
St Laurence's Catholic Primary School
St Leo's & Southmead Catholic Primary
St Luke's Catholic Primary School
St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School
St Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School
St Marie's Catholic Primary School
St Mark's Catholic Primary School
St Michael & All Angels' Catholic Primary School
All Saints Catholic High School
St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Lancashire Local Authority

Our Lady & All Saints Catholic Primary School, Parbold
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Chorley
Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School, Mawdesley
St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Leyland
St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Ormskirk
St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Clayton Green
St Catherine's Catholic Primary School, Farington
St Chad's Catholic Primary School, Whittle-le-Woods
St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, Skelmersdale
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School, Skelmersdale
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School, Chorley
St James' Catholic Primary School, Skelmersdale
St John's Catholic Primary School, Burscough
St John's Catholic Primary School, Skelmersdale
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Anderton
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Brindle
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Chorley
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Withnell
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Wrightington
St Mary Magdalen Catholic Primary School, Penwortham
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Chorley
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Leyland
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Scarisbrick
St Oswald's Catholic Primary School, Coppull
St Oswald's Catholic Primary School, Longton
St Richard's Catholic Primary School, Skelmersdale
St Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Penwortham
St Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Upholland
All Hallows Catholic High School, Penwortham
Holy Cross Catholic High School, Chorley
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic High School, Skelmersdale
St Mary's Catholic High School, Leyland

Liverpool Local Authority

All Saints' Catholic Primary School
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School
Christ the King Catholic Primary School
Holy Cross Catholic Primary School
Holy Family Catholic Primary School
Holy Name Catholic Primary School
Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School
Much Woolton Catholic Primary School
Our Lady & St Philomena's Catholic Primary School
Our Lady & St Swithin's Catholic Primary School
Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
Our Lady of Good Help Catholic Primary School
Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School
Our Lady's Bishop Eton Catholic Primary School
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
St Ambrose Catholic Primary School
St Anne's Catholic Primary School
St Anthony of Padua Catholic Primary School
St Austin's Catholic Primary School
St Cecilia's Catholic Infant School
St Cecilia's Catholic Junior School
St Charles' Catholic Primary School
St Christopher's Catholic Primary School
St Clare's Catholic Primary School
St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School
St Finbar's Catholic Primary School
St Francis de Sales Catholic Infant School
St Francis de Sales Catholic Junior School
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School
St Hugh's Catholic Primary School
St John's Catholic Primary School
St Matthew's Catholic Primary School
St Michael's Catholic Primary School
St Nicholas' Catholic Primary School
St Oswald's Catholic Primary School
St Paschal Baylon Catholic Primary School
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
St Paul's & St Timothy's Catholic Infant School
St Paul's Catholic Junior School
St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School
St Teresa of Lisieux Catholic Primary School
St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School
The Trinity Catholic Primary School
Archbishop Beck Catholic High School
Broughton Hall Catholic High School
Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School
St John Bosco Arts College

Sefton Local Authority

All Saints Catholic Primary School
English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School
Great Crosby Catholic Primary School
Holy Family Catholic Primary School
Holy Rosary Catholic Primary School
Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School
Our Lady of Compassion Catholic Primary School
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School
Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Primary School
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary School
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School
St Benedict's Catholic Primary School
St Edmund's & St Thomas' Catholic Primary School
St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School
St George's Catholic Primary School
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School
St Jerome's Catholic Primary School
St John Bosco Catholic Primary School
St Mary's Catholic Primary School
St Monica's Catholic Primary School
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
St Robert Bellarmine Catholic Primary School
St Teresa's Catholic Infant School
St William of York Catholic Primary School
Ursuline Catholic Primary School
Christ the King Catholic High School
Maricourt Catholic High School
Sacred Heart Catholic High School
Savio Salesian College

St Helens Local Authority

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School
English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School
Holy Cross Catholic Primary School
Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School
St Anne's Catholic Primary School
St Austin's Catholic Primary School
St Bartholomew's Catholic Primary School
St John Vianney Catholic Primary School
St Julie's Catholic Primary School
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Birchley
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Blackbrook
St Mary's Catholic Infant School
St Mary's Catholic Junior School
St Peter & St Paul Catholic Primary School
St Teresa's Catholic Primary School
St Theresa's Catholic Primary School
St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School
St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic High School
St Cuthbert's Catholic High School

Warrington Local Authority

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
St Alban's Catholic Primary School
St Benedict's Catholic Primary School
St Bridget's Catholic Primary School
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
St Lewis' Catholic Primary School
St Oswald's Catholic Primary School
St Paul of the Cross Catholic Primary School
St Peter's Catholic Primary School
St Stephen's Catholic Primary School
St Vincent's Catholic Primary School
St Gregory's Catholic High School

Wigan Local Authority

All Saints' Catholic Primary School
Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Boothstown
Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Platt Bridge
Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Atherton
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Hindley Green
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Leigh
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Springfield
St Aidan's Catholic Primary School
St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School
St Benedict's Catholic Primary School
St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
St Catherine's Catholic Primary School
St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School
St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School Serving the Community of Higher Folds
St James' Catholic Primary School
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
St Jude's Catholic Primary School
St Marie's Catholic Primary School
St Mary & St John's Catholic Primary School
St Oswald's Catholic Primary School
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
St Richard's Catholic Primary School
St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School
St William's Catholic Primary School
Twelve Apostles' Catholic Primary School
St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School
St John Fisher Catholic High School
St Mary's Catholic High School
St Peter's Catholic High School