

## St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy

Promoting high quality education, love, care and forgiveness of others as taught to us by Jesus and our Patron Saints.

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11th December 2023

To whom it may concern,

# RE: CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS TO St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy (Orpington) FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026

The Governing Body of St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy is currently determining proposed admission arrangements for admissions to the Primary School in 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.

A copy of the proposed Admissions Policy is available on our website here.

Alternatively, if you require a hard copy of the policy please contact the school directly.

The Governing Body is proposing an amendment to the Admissions arrangements. From September 2025. Please see these changes below:

#### **Current Admissions Criteria**

- 1. Looked after Catholic children, looked after Catholic children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order and Catholic children who appear (to the admissions authority) to have been in state care outside of England and cease to be state care outside of England as a result of being adopted. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in the exercise of their social services functions and children who are looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or become subject to a residence order or special guardianship order).
- 2. Catholic children who will have a brother or sister at the Academy at the time of admission and are able to prove weekly attendance at Mass.
- 3. Catholic children, a baptismal certificate or evidence of reception into the Catholic Church must accompany the supplementary information form.

#### **Proposed Admissions Criteria**

- 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.

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- 4. Other Looked After children. Looked after children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order and 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.
- 5. Children enrolled in the catechumenate. Evidence of enrolment in the catechumenate will be required.
- 6. Children who are members of Eastern Orthodox Churches. Evidence of Baptism will be required.
- 7. Children of families who are members of other Christian denominations that are part of Churches Together in England. Evidence of Baptism (or dedication) provided by a priest or minister of a designated place of worship will be required
- 8. Children who are members of other faiths. Evidence of membership of the faith provided by a priest, minister or religious leader of a designated place of worship will be required.
- 9. Any other children.

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- 6. Children who are members of other faiths, Churches and denominations. Evidence of Baptism/dedication or evidence of membership required.
- 7. Any other children.

### **Current Admissions Priorities**

- i. For Category 2 The strength of evidence of commitment to the faith as demonstrated by the level of the family's Mass attendance on Sundays over a period of 3 years. This evidence must be provided by the parents/carers and be endorsed by a priest at the church(es) where the family normally worship. Families of children enrolled in the catechumenate should also provide evidence of Mass attendance. Applications will be ranked in the order shown on the Supplementary Form; firstly those who attend Mass weekly, then once or twice a month etc.
- ii. A brother or sister on the Academy roll at the time of admission. Evidence of the relationship may be required.
- iii. Living in the parish of Our Lady of the Crays
- iv. Social, pastoral and medical needs which make the Academy particularly suitable for the child in question. Strong and relevant evidence must be provided by an appropriate professional authority (eg qualified medical practitioner, education welfare officer, social worker or priest).

#### **Proposed Admissions Priorities**

- i. A brother or sister on the school roll at the time of admission. Evidence of the relationship may be 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.
- ii. Children of staff. To satisfy this criterion the staff member must have been employed by St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy for 2 or more years prior to the closing date for applications.
- 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 (e.g. qualified medical practitioner, education welfare officer, social worker or priest).
- 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 information

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If you wish to respond to the consultation, please email admin@stpstp.co.uk by 22nd January 2024, marked for the attention of Admissions.

Yours faithfully

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