



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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23rd November 2023

To whom it may concern,

Re: Consultation on admission arrangements to St John Fisher Catholic Primary School for the year 2025-26

The Governing Body of St John Fisher Catholic Primary School 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 at: <https://www.sjf.bexley.sch.uk> (in the side Admissions Tab) 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, they propose to:

1. To remove the requirement of a supplementary form
2. To remove the requirement of evidence of attending Mass regularly

Current Admissions Criteria	Proposed Admissions Criteria
<p>i Looked after Catholic children or looked after children in the care of Catholic families and previously looked after children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order.</p> <p>ii Baptised Catholic children resident within the parish of St. Benets and St John Fisher who attend Mass regularly; as verified by their Parish Priest;</p> <p>iii Baptised Catholic children resident in other Catholic parishes who attend Mass regularly; as verified by their Parish Priest</p> <p>iv Other Baptised Catholic children resident in the Catholic parish of St. Benets and St John Fisher</p> <p>v Other Baptised Catholic children resident in other Catholic parishes.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>2. Baptised Catholic children. A baptismal certificate or evidence of reception into the Catholic Church must be provided.</p> <p>3. Other 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.</p> <p>4. Children who are members of Eastern Orthodox Churches. Evidence of Baptism will be required</p>



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<p>Vi Other looked after children and other previously looked after children who have been adopted or who have become the subject of a residence or guardianship order.</p> <p>Vii Children who are members of Eastern Orthodox Churches. Evidence of Baptism will be required</p> <p>Viii Children resident in the Catholic parish of St. Benets and St John Fisher Parish, who are members of other Christian denominations that are part of Churches Together in England or the Evangelical Alliance. Evidence of Baptism (or dedication) provided by a priest or minister of designated place of worship will be required</p> <p>IX Children resident in the Catholic parish of St. Benets and St John Fisher, who are members of other Christian denominations. Evidence of Baptism (or dedication) provided by a priest or minister of designated place of worship will be required;</p> <p>X Children resident in the Catholic parish of St. Benets and St John Fisher who are members of another religious faith. Evidence of membership provided by a priest, minister or religious leader of a designated place of worship will be required</p> <p>Xi Any other children.</p>	<p>5. Children who are members of other Christian denominations. Evidence of Baptism/ dedication will be required.</p> <p>6. Children who are members of other faiths. Evidence of membership/ dedication will be required.</p> <p>7. Any other children</p>

If you wish to comment on the proposed admissions arrangements, please send your response in writing for the attention of Miss Griffin either by post or email to the school: admin@sjf.bexley.sch.uk

Comments should be received no later than **18th January 2024 at 3.15pm**, allowing a minimum of 6 weeks excluding school holidays.

Yours faithfully,

Miss S Griffin
Headteacher

Ms Phillips
Chair of Governors