

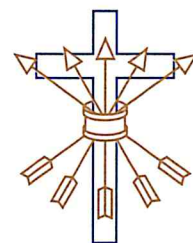
# WADDESDON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and other Interested Parties

## **Second Consultation on proposed changes to the Admissions Arrangements for Waddesdon Church of England School to take effect from the beginning of the academic year 2020 – 2021**

The Governing Body has recently completed a consultation on proposed changes to the school's admission arrangements and has determined to proceed with the proposed changes. In addition, the Governing Body decided to retain the existing priority for children with a strong Church of England commitment **and** a sibling on roll in Years 11 and 12 at Waddesdon CE School at the time of application and who are expected to still be on the roll on the date of admission of the younger child, over other C of E applicants.

As a result of submissions made during the consultation process, the Governing Body considers it necessary to consult further on additional changes:

- children with a strong commitment to other churches which are affiliated to or represented at Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or the Evangelical Alliance and a sibling on roll in Years 11 and 12 at Waddesdon CE School at the time of application and who are expected to still be on the roll on the date of admission of the younger child, will have priority above other applicants in the same criterion;
- changes to the wording of the supplementary Church Commitment Form to make it explicit that Clergy are verifying only attendance at a church service, and no other evidence of commitment to faith is required (or taken account of in deciding if an applicant has demonstrated strong church commitment);
- giving priority to child(ren) of members of staff who meet minimum length of employment criteria;

The Governing Body will consider all responses received as to the inclusion of priority for staff children and its place within the oversubscription criteria before reaching a final decision. It's initial view is to afford priority to child(ren) of members of staff who have been employed by the school for a minimum of three years at the date of application (in line with the length of church attendance required to show strong church commitment), and to give this priority within the strong commitment to the Church of England criterion (after siblings) to children of staff who have strong commitment to the Church of England, and to add a new criterion after the strong commitment to the Church of England criterion for other staff children.

The full proposed admission arrangements are on our website at <http://waddesdonschool.com>. **The consultation will run from 29 November 2018 until 25 January 2019.**

The Governing Body invites comments on the proposed changes. Please send your comments to Nicki Logan, Clerk to the Governing Body, Waddesdon C of E School, School Lane, Waddesdon HP18 0LQ, or email [clerk@waddesdonschool.com](mailto:clerk@waddesdonschool.com)

Yours faithfully

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Chair of Governors