



SJPIIMA Board of Directors final report and on the admissions criteria for Sutton Coldfield Catholic Schools 2020/21 after consultation.

The Board of Directors decided at its meeting on 12/2/2019 to adopt the following admissions criteria for 2020/21 in the schools in Sutton Coldfield. The proposed criteria for admissions have been in the public domain for consultation from mid-November 2018 to February 1st 2019. The following report gives details about the process of consultation and the issues that were raised and considered at the Board of Directors at its' meeting on 12th February and the response. Please find the final admissions criteria for each Sutton Coldfield Catholic School attached in separate documents.

Summary

The consultation has had 9 responses.

These include.

1 from St. Nicholas Local Governing Body.

2 from Fr. Allen, one in his position as Parish Priest at St. Nicholas and governor at St. Nicholas and one in his capacity as a governor at Bishop Walsh. Fr. Allen is priest chaplain at both schools.

5 from parents/grandparents.

We were also sent the outcome of the Birmingham City Council Schools Admissions Service consultation which we had paid then to conduct – see email from Joe Tees, School Admissions Officer, School Admissions Service. There was only 1 response here.

The main points raised by the above in the consultation include:

1. Whether we should have evidence of worship as an oversubscription capacity. This can only be done by using the CES Catholic Certificate of Practice. Most responses, apart from one which supports, object to its use stating that there would be no consistency in applying this by priests and that the criteria does not reflect the national/diocesan definition of what oversubscription actually is. Other points include that it does not reflect an inclusive approach to the evangelisation of Christianity and some point to how the pressures of modern life make it difficult sometimes to attend church on a Sunday. **(BofD response – the Board considered carefully the views expressed and has decided to keep the evidence of worship criteria included in the proposed criteria. The local Dean will be contacted by Mr. Farrell requesting that at the next Deanery meeting of local priests an agreement is reached at how to interpret consistently the national Certificate of Practice.)**
2. That in response to the proposed criteria for **Bishop Walsh only**, that catholic children who live in one of the Sutton Coldfield parishes and who have submitted evidence of worship but who may have been unable to attend the Sutton Coldfield feeder schools are not given less priority ranking as this will put these children after pupils who have got already got into the feeder schools who do not practice. **(BofD response – the Board will change the criteria to reflect that Bishop Walsh was built by the four parishes on Sutton Coldfield and that regardless of which primary school they currently attend will have a higher priority for Bishop Walsh than those in the designated feeder school who might not reside in one of the Sutton Coldfield parishes.)**





3. There seems to be an impression in some responses that if someone attends any school in the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy such a pupil would gain priority to Bishop Walsh above a pupil who lived in one of the Sutton Coldfield Parishes. I did reply to these responses assuring them that this would not be the case.
(BofD response – This will be made explicit in the Bishop Walsh criteria)

Please see the final admissions criteria for each school below with the SIF form.

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