ST MARY'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Dear Interested Party,

Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for 2028/29

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School is writing to notify you of a consultation on the proposed 2028/29 admissions arrangements.

In accordance with the Department for Education's School Admissions Code, admission authorities are required to consult on admission arrangements where changes are proposed. The consultation period will run from **9th November 2026 to 21st December 2026.** During this time, parents, carers, diocesan partners, local authorities, neighbouring schools, parish communities and other interested stakeholders are invited to comment on the proposed admission arrangements.

This consultation therefore fulfils the statutory requirement placed upon the admission authorities for St. Mary's Catholic Primary School.

As a result of updates to the Diocesan Model Admissions Policy, all Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Birmingham are required to undertake a full consultation on their proposed admissions policies for the 2028/29 academic year.

The proposed changes are:

- The introduction of new priority categories for Catechumens and children of Eastern Christian Churches.
- The introduction of new priority categories for children of other Christian denominations and children of other faiths.
- The introduction of new priority categories for children of members of staff at the time of admission.
- Changes intended to ensure that admission arrangements continue to reflect and serve the needs of our school communities.
- A number of minor amendments to wording, definitions and policy content, with the most significant revisions relating to the oversubscription criteria.

A copy of the proposed admissions policy can be accessed via the school website at: https://st-mary-bh.sch.life/page/detail/admission-arrangements or obtained in hard copy from the school office.

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The consultation will remain open for a period of six weeks in accordance with statutory requirements. We welcome views from all interested parties and encourage stakeholders to participate in the consultation. Responses should be submitted in writing no later than **5:00pm on 21st December 2026** via the attached form: Emmaus Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for 2028/29 (Dudley) – Fill in form

Following the close of the consultation period, all responses received will be carefully considered by the Local Governing Body before the final admissions arrangements are determined and published.

Thank you for taking the time to consider and respond to this consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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