

Everything we can be, with Christ in our hearts...



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Consultation on our proposed admission arrangements 2024 / 2025 **– St John Vianney Catholic Primary School**

The governing body of St John Vianney Catholic Primary School invite you to view the proposed admissions policy and SIF for 2024/2025.

These documents are out for consultation for 6 weeks commencing on 25th November 2022 and will close on 6th January 2023.

In keeping with the 2023/2024 admission arrangements agreed by the Office of the School Adjudicator on 10th October 2022 the school is consulting on the proposed admission arrangements for admission in 2024/2025.

The school is seeking feedback on the following changes to the 2024/2025 admission arrangements as follows:

- Criterion that reads: '*Children of catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church whose application is supported by a certificate of baptism*' to have the words '*Children of*' deleted.

This change is to comply with advice from the Diocese of Westminster, Education Department where the guidance (page 11) states the following:

Highest priority for Catholics

Catholic schools in the diocese are required by the diocesan bishop to give priority to Catholic children, as defined in this guidance, when determining admission criteria. No exceptions will be permitted except where the diocesan bishop has issued a written dispensation. Therefore, the highest priority must be given to Catholic looked after children. Governing bodies must therefore ensure that none of their criteria could have the effect of giving non-Catholic children preference over those from Catholic families.

- The above criterion will be moved from No 6 to No. 5, above '*Non-Catholic children who have a sibling at the school at the time of admission.*'
This change is to comply with the Diocese Guidance on admissions to Schools (above).
- Our SIF form will now only include information not already on the Local Authority CAF.
This change is to comply with advice from the Diocese of Westminster, Education Department.

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This notification together with the proposed policy and SIF will be published on the school website. You may wish to contact the school for a hard copy of the admission arrangements which will be available to collect or can be posted to you.

We invite you to send your responses to the above proposals directly to Mrs G. Alfonso, School Business Manager, St John Vianney Catholic Primary School, Stanley Road, Tottenham, London N15 3HD by Friday, 6th January 2023 for the governing body to consider.

Yours faithfully,

Catherine Smith

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Chair of Governors

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