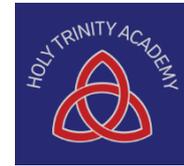




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Dear Stakeholder,

Background

Holy Trinity Academy was opened in Priorslee in September 2015 with a PAN of 900 including 150 in the 6th form. The school is a joint Christian faith school which is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury and the Anglican Diocese of Lichfield. The schools admissions allocate up to a maximum of 60% for Christian faith places (90 pupils) with the other 60 places being described as open places. These open places have included admissions from non- baptised students who attend one of the 17 designated Catholic or Church of England faith places. Currently students can be admitted on a faith basis through the production of a baptism certificate for Catholic students but Anglican applicants must provide evidence of being a practising Christian by attending an Anglican place of worship at least twice a month for a minimum of two years.

Proposal

The proposal from the Governing Body is to amend the admissions to Holy Trinity Academy so there is parity between both Catholic and Anglican's entry for a faith place.

This will mean pupils admitted on a Christian faith basis need to provide evidence through a baptismal certificate for both Catholic and Anglican applicants. Please do note that evidence for regular attendance at the place of worship will be used for over subscription categories.

It is also proposed that the children of staff who have worked at the school on a permanent contract for two years are given equal admissions status as students who have siblings in the school. This will be for the open places unless evidence is provided that the child meets the criteria for a faith place.

The proposal is to remove the partner primary status for Anglican schools but retain it for the 4 Catholic Primary schools of St Luke's, St Peter and Pauls', St Patrick's and St Mary's.

All other applications will then be based upon geographical distance from the school.

The full list of admission criteria is detailed as below:

For baptised Catholic / Anglican Christian children, a baptismal certificate will be required. A Supplementary Information Form will be required at the time of application. If there are more than 90 applicants for Foundation Places, places will be allocated according to the following criteria. These are stated in order of priority:

1. Children in public care (looked after children) who are of Christian faith;
2. Baptised Catholic/Anglican Children with known medical or social or pastoral needs who have an exceptional need for a place at Holy Trinity Academy (see Note 4);
3. Baptised Catholic/Anglican children from our designated Christian Partner Primary Schools (as set out in appendix A)
4. Baptised Catholic/Anglican children from other Christian Primary Schools.
5. Baptised Catholic/Anglican children from non-Christian Primary Schools

If there are fewer than 90 qualified applicants for Foundation places, any unfilled places will become additional Open places. All applicants for Foundation places will also be considered for Open places, and if they are successful in gaining a Foundation place, their name will be removed from the list of Open candidates.

Open Places

The Governing Body has designated at least 60 places each year as Open places, to be offered to pupils who do not qualify for a Foundation Place, but whose parents have chosen the Academy.

If there are more applicants than the available number of Open Places, places will be allocated according to the following criteria. These are stated in order of priority:

1. Children in public care (looked after children or previously looked after children);
2. Children with known medical or social or pastoral needs who have an exceptional need for a place at Holy Trinity Academy (see Note 4);
3. Children who will have a sibling in the Academy at the time of application and at the time of admission (see Note 2);
4. Children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Non-baptised children from Catholic feeder schools in Telford (appendix B).
6. All other children.

In the event that two or more applicants have equal right to a place under criteria (ii)-(vi) above, the Governing Body will use the distance criterion (see above) as a tie-break.

Who needs to be consulted?

- i. Parents of children between the ages of two and eleven years old in the surrounding area.
- ii. Diocese of Lichfield
- iii. Diocese of Shrewsbury
- iv. Other persons in the area who have an interest in the proposed arrangements.
- v. All other admission authorities within the local area.
- vi. The local authority
- vii. Adjoining neighbouring local authorities.

The consultation is for the attention of:

HOW TO RESPOND:

The consultation will run from Monday 18th November 2019 to 30th December 2019. You are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to Mrs Sally Benting at Holy Trinity Academy, Teece Drive, Priorslee, TF2 9SQ by midday on 30th December 2019 or by email at sally.benting@holytrinity.academy Please mark the subject "**Holy Trinity Academy admissions consultation**". Following the consultation period, the school will consider comments received and determine admission arrangements for 2021 by the 28th February 2020.

Yours sincerely,



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