

Admissions policy consultation letter

Pencombe C.E. School
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Friday 26th November 2021

Review of admissions over subscription criteria for Pencombe C of E Primary School for the 2023-24 Academic Year

This consultation will take place from Friday 26th November 2021 for six weeks, ending on Friday 7th January 2022.

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on the school's admissions policy. During this time, you are invited to express their views and any concerns about the changes in the over subscription criteria and admission arrangements at Pencombe C of E Primary School.

In accordance with the DfE's statutory 'School Admissions Code' guidance September 2021, as a school we must consult on our admission arrangements when changes are proposed, and at least once every seven years.

To this end, the following amendments to our admission arrangements have been proposed:

The removal of priority 5 relating to church-based criteria.

- **Priority 6 – Out of catchment Church** – Children who attend a church out of the defined catchment area but who have attended their church (out of catchment) at least monthly during the previous 2 academic years.

This is being proposed as the governing board would like to reflect that Pencombe Primary C of E School is a *school for all and welcome pupils from all faiths*. This decision has been made in consultation with the Diocese of Hereford.

A full version of the proposed changes to the admission arrangements, as well as the rationale behind them, is available to view on the school website or in hard copy from the school office.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party at Pencombe C of E Primary School, we are keen to hear your views on the proposed changes; therefore, we invite you to participate in the consultation if you have any concerns regarding the matter.

All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before 12pm on 7th January to: admin@pencombe.hereford.sch.uk.

Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address and relationship to the school. You are also encouraged to provide feedback on the Local Authority's website here: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions/3>

At the end of the consultation period, the governing board will meet to consider responses. The outcome of the consultation will be published on the school website as soon as possible following a decision being reached by the board. Hard copies of the final report will be made available on request to all respondents of the consultation.

For further information regarding the consultation process, please refer to our proposal document, copies of which can be located on the school website or in hard copy from the school office. If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact the school office on 01885 400255 or admin@pencombe.hereford.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,



Executive Headteacher