



**BECKET KEYS
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL**

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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for entry to the school in September 2019

I am writing on behalf of the Governors of Becket Keys Church of England School, to seek your views on this proposed Admissions Policy and Supplementary Information Form. We are considering some changes to our policy and we would like to seek your opinions.

I have set out each of the changes here with a short rationale to explain why we are considering them.

Change	Rationale
Adjusting the sibling rule	<p>We are still intent on giving a guaranteed place to families with siblings in school.</p> <p>In the proposed policy, we have adjusted our sibling rule wording to support families who are unsure whether they will have a child here in Sixth Form when their younger child starts. If they have a reasonable expectation that their older child will be in the school, the place is secure.</p>
Adjusting our faith criterion	<p>We are still intent on giving a priority to families who attend church.</p> <p>In the proposed policy and supplementary information form, we have adjusted our "Faith Criterion" to register the attendance of the child/student rather than parent. This will help measure the interest of the child in the faith and not just the parents. It will also support students who are seeking a faith place, but whose parents do not attend church. For example, those who attend with grandparents. Furthermore, we also hope it will help churches reduce their record keeping, as they already keep registers and lists of children/young people who attend church for safeguarding reasons.</p>
Aligned the Sixth Form criteria with the Year 7 admissions	<p>In the proposed policy, we have changed our Sixth Form admissions so that the oversubscription criteria are the same as those for general admissions.</p>

We are interested to hear views from local churches, parents and students who are likely to be affected by the proposed changes. For schools, if appropriate and by whatever means you feel most suitable, please make the parents/carers of children in your school aware that this consultation is taking place.

The statutory six week consultation period will run from 15th December 2017 to 26th January 2018.

Please send any responses for the attention of Jenny Downs, Chair of the Governing Body, via: admissions@becketkeys.org by no later than 26th January 2018.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A P Scott-Evans'.

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