

St Richard Reynolds Catholic College
Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for 2020

SUMMARY STATEMENT AND DETERMINATION OF POLICIES

The governing body of St Richard Reynolds Catholic College consulted on its proposed Primary, High School and Sixth Form admissions arrangements for 2020. The consultation ran from 12th October 2018 to 31st January 2019.

Our proposed admissions arrangements were advertised to the appropriate parties listed in section 1.44 of the Admissions Code. In addition, the proposed policies were sent also to the parish priests of the twelve Catholic Churches in The London Borough of Richmond.

The main changes to the policies were:

Primary:

1. To reorder the criteria in the primary policy to place 'open' places second after Looked After Children and before 'foundation' places.

High School:

1. To give priority after Looked After Children to pupils attending St Richard Reynolds Catholic Primary School who were admitted under the 'open place' category.
2. To give priority to those SRR Primary School pupils not admitted under the open place in category 3 in the High School oversubscription criteria (after applicants with claims of exceptional need that are supported by an appropriate professional that are accepted by the admissions committee).

The governing body is grateful to the many people and institutions that commented on our proposed admissions policies.

Comments received via consultation@srrcc.org.uk and 6fconsultation@srrcc.org.uk were as follows:

142 responses from individuals were received in total:

116 comments from individuals supported the proposals

18 comments from individuals did not support the proposals

3 comments supported some of the changes and did not support others

1 comment was neutral

In addition:

2 letters were received Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School objecting to the proposed policies.

1 letter was received from St James's Catholic Primary School objecting to the proposed policies.

1 letter was received from St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School objecting to the proposed policies.

1 of the comments listed above is on behalf of the governing body of St Edmund's Catholic Primary School and it objects to the proposed policies (included in the totals above).

No response from St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School

No response from St Osmund's Catholic Primary School

No other schools consulted offered comments
No nursery schools offered comments

RC Diocese of Southwark offered suggestions including an increase in the PAN
RC Diocese of Westminster commented that notes regarding GDPR be included in the policy and that the policy be reformatted to follow a Catholic Education Service (CES) template. The Director of Education gave leave for SRR to seek advice and guidance from the CES which was taken.

London Borough of Richmond upon Thames made a technical suggestion on a definition in the primary school and high school policies and on the sixth form policy.
No other local authorities submitted comments.

A petition against the proposed policies was organised by parents at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School. Some of the information circulated with the petition was challenged by SRRCC as misleading and incorrect. **The Petition drew 79 responses objecting to the proposed policies.** Some of the petitioners also commented through consultation@srrcc.org.uk.

Determination of the Admissions policies for 2020

Following advice from the Catholic Education Service (CES) and the Diocese of Westminster, all policies, and associated admissions documents were reformatted to templates produced by the CES and approved by the Office of the Schools Adjudicator.

The full governing body met on **6th February 2019** to review and discuss the responses to the consultation.

The governing body, after considering all comments including anonymised comments received from individuals made changes to correct inconsistencies or to add clarity, and reversed the proposal to switch the order of open place and foundation places in the primary policy, determined the admissions policies and associated documents for the academic year 2020/21 for the College. The governing body also agreed to increase the Published Admission Number for the High School from 150 to 180 in order to meet the expected local demand for places.

The policies and this statement are posted on the College website.

Eileen Wilson
Clerk to the governing body

Copy to:

- Parents/carers of pupils at St Richard Reynolds Catholic College
- Staff and Governors of at St Richard Reynolds Catholic College
- Local Authorities in Richmond upon Thames, Kingston upon Thames, Hammersmith & Fulham, Hounslow, Merton, Surrey and Wandsworth;
- Headteachers/Governing bodies at all maintained primary and secondary schools in Richmond upon Thames
- Nursery schools local to St Richard Reynolds Catholic College
- Parish priests at Richmond Borough Catholic Churches

For information also to the Sacred Heart parent group which organised a petition against the proposed policies.