

19 November 2021

Consultation on Admissions Arrangements 2023 - 2024

This consultation process is being undertaken in accordance with the School Admissions Code. The consultation period will run from 19th November 2021 until 14th January 2022; during this time, stakeholders are invited to express their views and any concerns about the admission arrangements at St Robert Southwell Catholic Primary School.

In order to comply with the Department for Education's School Admissions Code, we must consult on our admission arrangements at least once every seven years or when we are proposing a change to our admissions arrangements. This consultation applies to admission arrangements for the academic year 2023 – 2024.

Our current PAN (Published Admissions Number) is 60 in reception to Year 6, a total of 420 across the School and we do not propose to change this number.

Background to the Proposal

For a number of years, we have admitted pupils from Criteria 7 - 10 of the published Criteria in the Event of Oversubscription. After consultation with the Diocese of Westminster and in line with the Diocesan Guidance on Admission to Catholic Schools that the higher test (i.e. that of “practising Catholic”) **must not be used** unless there is an absolute shortage of places in the locality we are proposing to make the following changes to the Admissions Policy for 2023 – 2024:

Remove the requirement for a Certificate of Catholic Practice for Catholic children from all elements of the oversubscription criteria.

In accordance with statutory guidance, the consultation will run for at least six (6) weeks and, as an interested party at St Robert Southwell Catholic Primary School we are keen to hear your views; therefore, we invite you to participate in the consultation. Full details of our current admission arrangements as well as the proposed admission arrangements are shown on our website: www.robsouth.org in the Admissions Section or in hard copy on request from the school office.

All responses to the consultation should be made in writing or email and submitted before 4.00 pm on 14th January 2022 to the school by post to: St Robert Southwell Catholic Primary School, Slough Lane, Kingsbury, London NW9 8YD or by email to: admissions@robsouth.org. At the conclusion of the consultation process and by 28th February 2022, all responses and representations will be considered by the Head Teacher and the Governing Board, before making any final decisions in relation to admissions for 2023. The final Admission Arrangements will be published on the School website by 15th March 2023.

Yours sincerely

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