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Dear Parents

Re: Proposed Changes to Admissions Policy 2020/2021

I am writing to advise that the Governing Body of St Mary's Catholic Primary School is launching a six week consultation on the schools admission policy for entry in September 2020 and subsequent years thereafter. The consultation is commencing on Monday 29th October 2018 and will conclude at 12 noon on Monday 10th December 2018.

The proposed changes to the Admissions Policy are highlighted below, but consist of an updated priority for admittance. The new priorities are as follows:

Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority. Please refer to our Admissions Policy alongside the priorities below:

1. Catholic looked after children, those children who are or were previously looked after by Telford & Wrekin or any other local authority, children previously in state care outside of England and have ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Catholic children who are resident in the parish of The Good Shepherd.
3. Other Catholic children. (see note 3)
4. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church.
5. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
6. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
7. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

- i. The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 8).
- ii. The children of staff will be given increased priority within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (1) above (see note 10).

- **Operation of waiting lists**

The Local Authority keeps waiting lists for oversubscribed schools and liaises with other admission authorities. If an appeal is made the child will automatically be placed on the waiting list. Waiting lists are drawn up according to the oversubscription criteria laid out above and places will be allocated according to these. A child can be added to the waiting list without waiting to appeal by contacting the admissions team.

The Governing Body have been consulted about the proposals outlined in this letter, and these proposals have been unanimously accepted.

The Consultation has been communicated by St Mary's Catholic Primary School as follows;

- Local Primary Schools in Telford and Wrekin Council
- Local Secondary Schools in Telford and Wrekin Council
- All Catholic Primary Schools in Telford and Wrekin Council
- Local pre-schools and nurseries in Telford and Wrekin Council
- Telford and Wrekin Admissions Team
- Diocese of Shrewsbury
- Local Library
- Mayor of Telford
- Existing staff at St Mary's Catholic Primary School
- Existing parents and carers of pupils at St Mary's Catholic Primary School

The proposed policy is now available on our website at <http://stmarystelford.taw.org.uk> .

If you wish to comment on the proposals, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me in writing or by email: a3357@telford.gov.uk . Please note that the consultation period ends on Monday 10th December 2018. At that time, the proposals go to the Local Admissions Forum at Telford and Wrekin, to ultimately be passed by the adjudicator.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs Samantha Griffiths

Head Teacher