

# SONNING CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SONNING CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 2024 ONWARDS

### Introduction

Sonning Church of England Primary School is an academy school within The Keys Academy Trust. The Local Governing Body (LGB) of Sonning Church of England Primary School is the admission authority for the school. When an admission authority wishes to make changes to their admission arrangements, they must consult to ensure all views are heard. We, the LGB, are proposing to amend the admission arrangements for Sonning Church of England Primary School. The LGB is consulting on changes to the admission arrangements, for which the main changes are detailed below.

### Proposed Changes to the Admissions Arrangements Policy

The following over-subscription criterion is proposed to be **removed**:

- “A child with a normal home address in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Sonning where a parent has been a regular worshipper (at least twice per month) for a year prior to the date of application at St Andrew’s Church, Sonning, and whose name is on that Church’s Electoral Roll (Church Membership List).”

The following over-subscription criterion is proposed to be **added**:

- “Children of staff at Sonning Church of England Primary School where the member of staff is the parent of the child **and** has a) been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made; and/or b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post at the school for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.”

A copy of the proposed Admissions Policy for 2024-25 can be obtained from the [Consultation section](#) in the Admissions page of the Sonning Church of England Primary School website.

### Why are we proposing these changes?

As a Church of England school, we are following guidance from the Diocese of Oxford to remove church affiliation in the over-subscription criteria in order to be as inclusive as possible. The LGB has, however, decided to keep a church affiliation criterion for those who live out of catchment (outside the Ecclesiastical Parish of Sonning) as the school has strong links with St Andrew’s Church and a significant number of the people on the St Andrew’s Electoral Roll live outside the Parish. This has been approved by the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education.

The LGB is proposing to add an over-subscription criterion for the children of staff members to aid in the recruitment and retention of staff.

### How can you respond?

We would like to hear your views on these proposals. Please send any comments regarding the above proposed changes by emailing: [compliance@sonning.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:compliance@sonning.wokingham.sch.uk). Please mark your email: Sonning Primary School Consultation. The consultation takes place between Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### What happens next?

After the consultation closes, the responses will be collated and reviewed by the Sonning Church of England Primary School’s Local Governing Body, who will decide whether or not to proceed with the proposed changes. The agreed Admissions Policy from September 2024 will then be submitted to The Keys Academy Trust for determination as the Trust is the statutory admissions authority. The outcome will be published on the Sonning Church of England Primary School’s website by 15 March 2023.



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