



Admissions Arrangement Consultation for Admission Year 2025-2026

Our school is a voluntary aided, Church of England primary school with the Diocese of Rochester.

We are required under the School Admissions Code 2021 to review our admissions policy annually and to consult on our arrangements every 7 years.

The code requires consultation in the following circumstances

1. When changes are proposed to admission arrangements, all admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements (including any supplementary information form) that will apply for admission applications the following school year.
2. Where the admission arrangements have not changed from the previous year there is no requirement to consult, subject to the requirement that admission authorities must consult on their admission arrangements at least once every 7 years, even if there have been no changes during that period

The school is consulting to alter the admissions oversubscription criteria. We propose to remove the following criterion:

d) Children whose parents/guardians live in the parishes of Platt and Addington (please see Diocese of Rochester maps in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2). Those living closest to the school will have priority (please see Distance below).

e) Children with at least one parent/guardian who is a practising member at St Mary's Parish Church, Platt or St Margaret's Parish Church, Addington, evidenced by attendance at religious services at least fortnightly for two years preceding the application for a school place. Confirmation of having met this requirement must be provided by completion of the Supplementary Information Form.

f) Children whose parents are committed to the life and work of another Christian church (that are either members of Churches together in Britain and Ireland or the Evangelical Alliance), or place of worship in other Faiths, evidenced by attendance at religious services at least fortnightly for two years preceding the application for a school place. Confirmation of having met this requirement must be provided by completion of the Supplementary Information Form.

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church [or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions]

arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church [or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

We will also remove the supplementary information form.

Please find the full policy and admissions arrangements attached.

If you wish to comment on the policy please email headteacher@platt.kent.sch.uk

Please ensure the subject line states **ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION**.

Alternatively please write to the Headteacher, Platt C.E. Primary School, Platinum Way, St. Mary's Platt, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 8FH

The consultation is open between 22nd November 2023 and 3rd January 2024.

The Governing Body will meet on 10th January 2024 and will consider any comments received.