

*Everything we can be, with Christ in our hearts...*



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## **Notification of proposed variations to the admission arrangements for 2023/2024**

### **St John Vianney Catholic Primary School**

(as required by paragraph 3.6 of the School Admissions Code)

The Governing Body of St John Vianney Catholic Primary School are required to notify all concerned of our intention to vary the previously determined admissions arrangements for 2023/2024, as advised by the Diocese of Westminster, with reference to the *Diocesan Guidance on Admissions to Schools, Diocese of Westminster, September 2021*.

The guidance (page 11) states the following:

#### Highest priority for Catholics

*Catholic schools in the diocese are required by the diocesan bishop to give priority to Catholic children, as defined in this guidance, when determining admission criteria. No exceptions will be permitted except where the diocesan bishop has issued a written dispensation. Therefore, the highest priority must be given to Catholic looked after children. Governing bodies must therefore ensure that none of their criteria could have the effect of giving non-Catholic children preference over those from Catholic families.*

### **The school is proposing the following changes to the 2023/2024 admission arrangements:**

- Criterion that reads: 'Children of catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church whose application is supported by a certificate of baptism' to have the words 'Children of' deleted.  
This change is to comply with advice from the Diocese of Westminster, Education Department.
- This criterion will be moved from No 6 to No. 5, above 'Non-Catholic children who have a sibling at the school at the time of admission.'  
This change is to comply with the Diocese Guidance on admissions to Schools (see above).
- Our SIF form will now only include information not already on the Local Authority CAF.  
This change is to comply with advice from the Diocese of Westminster, Education Department.

This notification together with the proposed policy and SIF will be published on the school website.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine Smith'.

Catherine Smith  
Chair of Governors

*"In our school children, staff, parents and carers, governors and parish will work together to create a caring, learning environment with Our Lord as the focal point in which each child is valued as an individual, nurtured and encouraged to fulfil his/her potential."*