

# St. Peter's Church of England (VA) Primary School

Christian focus: Love

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John 4:7



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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a thorough review and consultation with the Diocese, we will be adjusting our current consultation to be in line with the requirements sought by the Diocese. We will be initiating our public consultation in line with this, with some proposed changes to our school's admissions policy and SIF's for the 2027/2028 academic year. These proposed amendments are necessary to ensure legal compliance, clear information and to be fully aligned with current local authority and Government guidance.

## Summary of Key Proposed Amendments:

The following key changes are being proposed to the current admissions policy:

### 1. Updated definitions for "Child Looked After" and "Siblings":

The definitions for children who are, or were, looked after and the criteria for the sibling priority have been updated to align precisely with the latest guidance issued by Hertfordshire County Council. This ensures consistency across local admissions procedures.

### 2. Staff Demonstratable Skill Shortage Roles:

The section relating to staff demonstratable skill shortage roles has been updated with up-to-date information pertaining to information regarding the role.

### 3. Out of Year Admissions:

The provision for considering out-of-year admissions has been updated to align with the latest Department for Education (DfE) guidance and protocols, providing clarity on the application and decision-making process.

### 4. Provision for Church Closures:

We have added updated information to address scenarios involving church closures. This ensures that applicants that have demonstrated commitment to a church that subsequently closes will not be disadvantaged in the admissions process.

### 5. Updated SIF's:

We have also updated our Reception SIF and In Year SIF to reflect these changes proposed in our admissions policy.

## Next steps and Consultation Period:

We strongly encourage all stakeholders, including parents, carers and members of the local community, to review the proposed policy documents and provide feedback.



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- View the proposed policy: The full draft admissions policy is available to view on our website: [St Peter's Church of England \(VA\) Primary School - Admissions](#)
- Consultation Period: Further to our previous communications our consultation will now run for six weeks from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October until Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.
- How to respond: Please submit any comments regarding the proposed changes in writing to [schooloffice@spmillend.herts.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@spmillend.herts.sch.uk)

We thank you in advance for taking the time to review these important proposals.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr David Haygarth'.

Dr David Haygarth  
Chair of Governors

