

5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## Consultation on Proposed Changes to Admissions Policy 2022/2023

St Bede's RC High School is consulting on proposed changes to the admissions policy 2022/2023 to take effect for school admissions for September 2022.

## Proposed changes to Admissions Criteria:

It is proposed to change section B under Admission Criteria;

- a) 'Previously Looked after' children means children who were previously 'looked after' but immediately after being looked after were adopted or became subject to a residence order/child arrangement order, or special guardianship order ('Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions).
- b) All applicants who submit their applications by the national closing date will be considered at the same time after the closing date for admissions.
- c) All Catholic applicants will be required to produce baptismal certificates or documentation from a Parish Priest confirming that the child is in full communion with the Catholic Church at the time of application.

## **Existing Criteria:**

- a) 'Previously Looked after' children means children who were previously 'looked after' but immediately after being looked after were adopted or became subject to a residence order/child arrangement order, or special guardianship order ('Looked after' means that the child was (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions).
- b) All applicants who submit their applications by the national closing date will be considered at the same time after the closing date for admissions. Where there are exceptional reasons for the delay, provided a late application is received before 1 February 2022, then it may be considered alongside the applications submitted on time. All other applications will only be considered after all the on-time applications have been considered and allocated places.
- c) All Catholic applicants will be required to produce baptismal certificates or documentation from a Parish Priest confirming that the child is in full communion with the Catholic Church.

The proposed Admissions Policy 2022/23 can be viewed in full via the following link: <u>Proposed Admission Policy for Sept 2022-23.docx</u>

The consultation period will run for 6 school weeks from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Please note that any comments on the proposals and associated policy should be addressed to the Chair of Governors at St Bede's RC High School via the Clerk to Governors: kcaton@stbedesblackburn.com