



St Thomas Becket

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Re: Admissions Consultation

To whom it may concern,

Following an update in guidance from Southwark diocese, the governors of St Thomas Becket are proposing changes to our admissions policy.

The school exists primarily to serve the Catholic community and Catholic children always have priority of admission. However, the Governing Body also welcomes applications from other families who support the religious ethos of the school. The diocese has updated and amended their Admissions Guidance document to bring it into line with the Admissions Code, and, with new amendments, seek to address some of the current issues around pupil numbers.

The main change relates to the incorporation of a certificate of practise, which replaces the current Supplementary Information Form (SIF). You will note from the updated policy that there has been a significant simplification of the various criteria, for example, there is no reference to regularity of practise in any of the criteria.

The consultation starts on 17th December 2024 and ends on 31st January 2025. You can submit comments by emailing admin@thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk. Please write 'Admissions Consultation' in the subject line. A copy of the admissions policy is available on the school website and you can request a hard copy by calling or emailing the school office.

Many Catholic schools have already adopted this model and it is the expectation that all schools in the diocese will be using the certificate of practice in place of the SIF by next year. The proposed changes will come into effect for entry into Reception class (and in-year admissions) in September 2026 and beyond. This change does not affect admissions to Reception for the coming year (September 2025)

Your sincerely,

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Headteacher