



**BECKET KEYS
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL**

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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for entry to the school in September 2020

I am writing on behalf of the Governors of Becket Keys Church of England School to seek your views on this proposed Admissions Policy 2020-21 and Supplementary Information Form. We are considering a change to our policy and we would like to seek your opinion.

Adjusting our faith criterion

In the proposed policy and supplementary information form, we have adjusted our "Faith Criterion" to register the regular church attendance of either the parent or the child/student. This will continue to give priority to families who regularly attend church by recording the attendance of the child/student's parent(s). However, whilst we know that families often attend services together, the proposed changes aim to include the diverse ways in which families may attend services and will support children/students who have a strong faith of their own, but whose parents do not attend church, for example, those who attend with grandparents.

Additionally, due to the increased demand for our new Sixth Form, the proposed adjustment also aims to support external students applying to our Sixth Form who wish to apply under the Faith Criterion but whose parents do not attend church. The Christian ethos of our school continues throughout the Sixth Form and we recognise that as students mature, they may attend services without their parents. We believe it is therefore important that we can consider the student's own faith when we apply the Oversubscription Criteria to external applications for our Sixth Form.

We are interested to hear views from local churches, parents and students who are likely to be affected by the proposed changes. For schools, if appropriate and by whatever means you feel most suitable, please make the parents/carers of children in your school aware that this consultation is taking place.

The statutory six-week consultation period will run from **Tuesday 18th December 2018 to Wednesday 30th January 2019.**

Please send any responses for the attention of Jenny Downs, Chair of the Governing Body by post to Becket Keys C of E School, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 9DA or by email to: admissions@becketkeys.org by no later than **Wednesday 30th January 2019.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A P Scott-Evans'.

Mr A P Scott-Evans
Head Teacher