

Consultation to change the Crompton House Church of England School admissions policy.

Length of Consultation is 6 weeks from 21st November 2024 to 2nd January 2025.

Proposed to change the order of the categories for the over-subscription criteria and to set a minimum qualification for each faith.

Preface

Admission authorities must have determined their admissions arrangements for entry in September 2026 by 28 February 2025. They must publish them on their website and have sent a copy to their local authority before 15 March 2025.

As an academy, we are our own admissions authority and as such must ensure that:

1. Consultation lasts for a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1 October 2024 and 31 January 2025.
2. We consult with:
 1. Parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen.
 2. Other persons in the relevant area who may have an interest in the proposed admissions.
 3. All other admission authorities within the relevant area.
 4. The local authority
3. For the duration of the consultation period, a copy of our full proposed admission arrangements including the PAN is published on our website together with details of the person within the admission authority to whom comments may be sent and the areas on which comments are not sought.
4. send upon request a copy of the proposed admission arrangements to any of the persons or bodies listed above inviting comment.

Proposal

1. To change the order of the oversubscription categories such that students from the Crompton House Church of England Multi Academy Trust have priority over children from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.
2. To set a minimum number of points for students applying for a place under a faith-based category.

Background

With the formation of the Crompton House Church of England Multi Academy Trust it has become evident that there are benefits in continued education in the trust based schools with the progress from primary to secondary school. With limited places available in the secondary school a change to the sequence of oversubscription categories creates more scope for this movement within the trust.

The school remains firmly rooted in its Christian faith whilst remaining open to all faiths. This will be strengthened by setting a minimum criteria to demonstrate commitment to worship in each of the three faith based categories. These minimum criteria will be based on a number of points for attendance at a place of worship.

Specifics of the Proposal

The oversubscribed admissions criteria will in future be:

1. Children Looked after and Previously Looked After.
2. Children where the Governing body has deemed exceptional social or medical needs.
3. Children of staff employed by Crompton House Church of England School.
4. Faith – Church of England.
5. Feeder schools of the Crompton House Church of England Multi Academy Trust.
6. Faith - Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.
7. Faith – Other Faiths.
8. All Other Children.

This moves children from the Multi Academy Trust feeder schools above children from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

For the constriction of recognising commitment to faith based worship, setting a minimum attendance threshold is being introduced. Analysis has shown that the current process does not have sufficient rigour in recognition of continued attendance at worship. There is no change to the process of identifying attendance at worship through a supplementary form signed by the faith leader but only those with a minimum attendance will be included in the relevant faith-based category.

The process assigns points for attendance and the minimum points will be **36**. This equates to approximately eighteen months weekly attendance by parent and child. The overall time period may be up to five years.

How To Respond

This consultation will run from 21st November 2024 to 2nd January 2025 and you are invited to submit comments in writing about the proposal above to:

Criteria Consultation CO Miss Janet Slater, Admissions Officer, Crompton House C of E School, Rochdale Road, Shaw, Oldham OL27HS.

Or

j.slater@cromptonhouseschool.org

Please send any comments by 2nd January 2025.

Following the consultation period, the Academy Trust Board will consider any comments received and how to proceed. Admission arrangements for 2026 will be determined by 28 February 2025 and any subsequent objections would need to be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator.

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