

The Bishops' Blue Coat Church of England High School

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Admission Consultation

The Bishops' Blue Coat CofE High School would like to propose the following changes for school year 1st September 2023. There is a requirement on admission authorities to consult when proposing changes. The Bishops' Blue Coat CofE High School, as the admissions authority is seeking comments on these proposed changes.

Proposal

The Governing Body of The Bishops' Blue Coat CofE High School propose to define sibling criteria, align Service Personnel and criteria one sections with School Admissions Code December 2021, and further clarify the existing approach to age of applicants for each year group for September 2023 henceforth. The change to the admission policy will not affect current students at the school and those who choose to accept an offer for a Year 7 or Sixth Form place in September 2022. The Bishops' Blue Coat CofE High School does not propose to make any other changes to our admissions policy, which can be accessed on our website.

The Governors are recommending this proposal for the following reasons:

- 1) Sibling criteria to enable younger entrants to have an older sibling on site and attending, thus supporting families who may then benefit from travel and holiday arrangement.
- 2) The definitions for Looked After and Previously looked After, along with Service Personnel, were defined in legislation. The wording changes in the School Admission Code, December 2021, are now reflected in the school policy.
- 3) Dates are made more prominent in the policy: both the submission date of the Supplementary Information Form and the birth dates to be admitted to year groups. In year applicants will be asked to supply date of birth proof to ascertain the year group appropriate to their age and stage of development.

The Bishops' Blue Coat CofE High School understands an annual review of Admissions Policy may be needed if the local context dictates. This proposal is for September 2023 and we would like to ensure that all current and future parents and any other interested stakeholders have the opportunity to make comments on this proposal.

How to Respond

This consultation will run from the week beginning 27th September 2021 to 7th November 2021. You are invited to submit your comments, in writing, to the Chair of Governors, The Bishops' Blue Coat CE High School, Vaughans Lane, Great Broughton, Cheshire, CH3 5XF or by email: clerk@bishopschester.co.uk

Following the consultation period, The Bishops' Blue Coat CofE High School will consider any comments received and how to proceed.