St Margaret's C of E Primary

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Dear Parents, Carers, Local Residents, and Stakeholders,

RE: Public Consultation on the Proposed Changes to Admission Arrangements Effective from Academic Year 2028 - 2029

School Name: St Margaret's C of E Primary School
Admission Authority: Governing Body of St Margaret's C of E Primary School
Consultation Period: 24th October 2026 – 6th December 2026

In accordance with the Department for Education's School Admissions Code (2021), the Governing Body is consulting on the school's proposed changes to the admission arrangements effective from academic year 2028 – 2029.

1. What is being proposed?

To ensure that our admission arrangements continue to reflect the school's Christian vision, values and purpose, the Governing Body is proposing changes to the oversubscription criteria within our Admissions Policy. Oversubscription criteria are only applied when the number of applications exceeds the places available, either for Reception entry or, in the case of in-year admissions, where a year group is already full. The following changes have been proposed:

- All criteria will now be listed as numerical instead of alphabetical and there will be 8 criteria only
- Criterion 2 is being changed to "Children with brothers and sisters, who, on the date of entry are still attending St Margaret's CE Primary School"
- Criterion 3 is being changed to "Children with known special medical or social needs which only St Margaret's can meet. Written supporting evidence should be supplied, at the time of application, from a relevant professional, such as a doctor, social worker or educational psychologist"
- Criterion 4 is being changed to "Children of parents who normally attend St Margaret's Parish Church at least fortnightly, and who have been attending the church with their children for at least a year immediately prior to the year of application"
- Criterion 5 is being changed to "Children of parents who attend either another Church of England church or a church of another Christian denomination, which is itself a full member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or of the Evangelical Alliance, who normally attend worship at least fortnightly, and who have been attending church with their children for at least a year immediately prior to application"
- Criterion 6 is being changed to "Children of all staff employed directly by the school - Staff who have been working at the school for two or more years at the time of application"
- Criterion 7 is being changed to children resident in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Angmering
- Criterion 8 is being changed to "All other children whose parents wish them to attend St Margaret's CE Primary School"

2. Impact on Existing Pupils and Current Admissions:

- **Current Pupils:** There is no impact on children already enrolled at the school. This proposal only applies to applications for a space in any year group from September 2028 onwards.
- **School Place Applications for September 2027:** There is no impact on reception children applying for a school place for September 2027. Our published Admission Policy for 2027-2028 will continue to be the admission arrangements for this coming academic year.

3. How to Respond and Share Your Views:
The consultation period will run from **22nd October 2026 to 3rd December 2026**. During this time, we invite you to review the proposed arrangements and submit any comments or observations you may have.
Responses can be made:

- Via email to George Lumley at school@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk
- In writing to George Lumley, St Margaret's C of E Primary School, Arundel Road, Angmering, West Sussex, BN16 4LP

4. Next Steps:
All feedback received during the consultation period will be carefully considered by the Governing Board before the admission arrangements are formally determined. The Governing Board's final decision will be published on the school website.

Thank you for taking the time to review the proposals and share your feedback.

Yours sincerely,

George Lumley
Headteacher