

8th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Admissions Policy Consultation 2026/2027

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, 2021, St Michael's Church of England High School is required to consult on its admission arrangements at least every seven years or when changes to the arrangements are proposed.

Our proposed Admissions Arrangements and Oversubscription Criteria for the academic year 2026-2027 is available to view on our website at <https://st-michaels.sandwell.sch.uk/admissions/>. Please note that a proposed major change to the Admissions Criteria is the removal of attendance at a place of worship as an admission criterion.

The consultation is commencing on 11th November 2024 and will conclude at 12 noon on the 23rd of December 2024.

These arrangements are for students who will be starting secondary school in September 2026 or requesting admission to the school between September 2026 and July 2027. The Governing Board of St Michael's Church of England High School is responsible for offering or refusing places at the school. We would welcome your views on the proposed arrangements.

St Michael's Church of England High School has communicated the consultation as follows:

- notification to Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
- notification to all parents, carers, and guardians of the school and publication on the school website
- Headteachers/Principals and Chair of Governors for all schools in a 10m radius of the school
- neighbouring councils
- Sandwell Schools Forum
- Sandwell Councillors
- Diocesan Board of Education, Birmingham

Printed copies of the proposed admission arrangements will be available on request at the school reception. Comments concerning these should be submitted in writing to The Admissions Team at St Michael's Church of England High School or by email to headteacher@st-michaels.sandwell.sch.uk by the end of the consultation period on the 23rd December 2024.

We look forward to receiving your views on our proposal.

Yours faithfully,



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