

# ST MARIE'S SCHOOL, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

In response to statutory guidance received from the Catholic Education Service and the Diocese of Hallam, the Governors have determined that changes must be made to the admissions criteria for 2019-20.

This means that the school must publicly consult on its proposed admissions arrangements for a period of six weeks. The consultation period for the 2019-2020 Admissions Policies is open until 4pm on 31st January 2018.

The proposed arrangements, together with the proposed new Supplementary Information form have now been placed on the school's website and your comments on the changes would be welcomed.

The principal changes from the policy of 2018-19 include:

- there are no sub categories, but children with certified medical/social needs receive priority in each category
- children with siblings already in the school receive second priority in each category
- there is a separate category for catechumens and members of Eastern Orthodox churches

The prioritisation of children with Education, Health and Care Plans (or children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs), Catholic children who are siblings of Catholic children attending the school, Catholic children of staff, the tie-break arrangements, the maintenance of the waiting list and the procedures for in-year applications remain unchanged, therefore comments are not requested on these aspects of the proposed policy.

If you have any comment to make, please contact the school via email [lgraham@st-maries.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:lgraham@st-maries.sheffield.sch.uk) or in writing and mark your correspondence for the attention of Lindsay Holmes, Clerk to Governors.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Fernandes  
Headteacher

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