

Consultation on proposed Admission Arrangements for Finchampstead Church of England (aided) Primary School for entry into Reception from September 2026

Introduction

When an admission authority wishes to make changes to its admission arrangements, it must consult to ensure all views are heard. Finchampstead CE Primary School is its own admission authority. The Governors are therefore consulting on proposed changes to the admission arrangements for the school as follows:

Proposed change to oversubscription criteria: Removing church attendance from the oversubscription criteria.

Why are we proposing this change? Finchampstead CE Primary School has a close relationship with St. James' Church, Finchampstead and the Christian vision and values of the school remain constant. We welcome all who wish to apply for a school place. The Oxford Diocesan Board of Education recommends that oversubscription criteria do not include faith-based criteria in order that schools remain as inclusive as possible and recognise the heritage of schools established before the 1870 Schools Act which were set up for the education of the poor of the parish. The admission oversubscription criteria for entry to Reception in September 2025 and earlier included attendance at St James' church.

Copies of the proposed arrangements can be obtained from the school website: www.finchampsteadschool.org/Admissions

How can you respond? We would like to hear your views on these proposals. Please send any comments regarding the above proposed changes by emailing to: admin@finchampstead.wokingham.sch.uk Please mark your email: Admissions Consultation. The consultation takes place between 19th December 2024 and 30th January 2025.

What happens next? After the consultation closes, the Governors will consider any comments prior to determining the admission arrangements by 28 February 2025. The determined policy will be published on the school's website by 15th March 2025