

St Andrew the Apostle School - Consultation on admissions arrangements for entry to the school in September 2026.

The Russell Education Trust ('RET') is the admissions authority for St Andrew the Apostle School. The Local Governing Body considers changes to the school's admissions policy and consults on these. Following consultation, the Governors report to the Board of Trustees on the outcome of the consultation and make recommendations before RET determine the final admissions policy.

The Local Governing Body of St Andrew the Apostle have recently consulted on the admissions arrangements for entry to Year 7 and the Sixth Form from September 2026. This consultation followed the procedure set by the Admissions Code 2021 ('The Code') and gave the local community the opportunity to provide their views on the proposed admission arrangements. The consultation period ran from **Monday 9 December 2024 – Friday 24 January 2025**. The consultation was published on the school's website for the duration of the consultation period and interested parties and appropriate bodies were consulted in accordance with 1.47 of the Code. This report confirms the outcome of the consultation.

The following amendments to the oversubscription criteria were proposed:

Year 7 Admissions Policy – Children of Staff Criterion

It was proposed that the reference to "*teaching*" staff be removed from criterion 4 ii so that it is inclusive of school support staff as well as teaching staff i.e. "*The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant ~~teaching~~ post for which there is a demonstratable skill shortage (determined by the Headteacher with the Chair of Governors and CEO of RET).*"

Sixth Form Admissions Policy – Children of Staff Criterion

As with the Year 7 Admissions Policy, the same change was proposed to the Sixth Form Admissions Policy relating to the Children of Staff criterion to remove the reference to "*teaching*" staff so that the criterion is inclusive of support staff and teaching staff.

Summary of responses

One response was received to the consultation which related to the Faith Criterion. The consultee expressed that the churches included under the "Wider Faith Criterion" i.e. those recognised by "Churches together in England" should be reviewed so that other churches within the Christian faith would be included.

No responses were received relating to the proposed amendments to the staff criterion.

Outcome of Consultation

The local governing body considered the above responses received to the consultation at their meeting on 3 February. They recommended to the RET Board of Trustees that the proposed changes be implemented.

Decision

The RET Board of Trustees have determined the Admissions Arrangements for entry to Year 7 and the Sixth Form in September 2026 and in accordance with the Code, the outcome of the consultation and the determined policies have been published, and appropriate bodies notified.

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