



11th October 2024

To whom it may concern,

**CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DIOCESE OF COVENTRY
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST ACADEMIES FOR THE YEAR 2026-27**

The Directors of the Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust are currently determining proposed admission arrangements for admissions to its academies in September 2026. As determined by the School Admissions Code, we are required to consult on these arrangements at least once every 7 years or when significant changes are made, and are inviting comments on the proposed changes.

A copy of the proposed admissions policy is available on our website at <https://www.covmat.org/multi-academy-trust-policies/> for your information. Alternatively if you require a hard copy of the policy please email info@covmat.org to request.

Whilst this is a trust wide policy, the individual school admissions arrangements are included as Appendix 1.

The 2026-27 policy includes the following updates from the previous policy:

- A change to the over-subscription criteria for Queens to include a paragraph in relation to admissions to the Special Resource Provision (SRP) that is expected to be implemented in the academy from April 2025.
- An update to the definition of a Church for schools with faith criteria (Harris, Leigh and St Nicolas) as well as in the Faith Place Supplementary form included as Appendix 2 of the policy document.
- An update to the over-subscription criteria for St John's to introduce Faith criteria as there is a wide variety of local schools for parents to choose from and so faith criteria widen opportunities for inclusion and supports the close and vibrant connection of the school with St Christopher's, allowing those who are looking for this type of Christian education to access it even if they live outside of the local vicinity.

If you wish to comment on the proposed admissions arrangements, please send your response in writing for the attention of Louise Beale, either by post to the address at the bottom of this letter or by email to info@covmat.org. Comments should be received by no later than 9am on Wednesday 18th December 2024.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise Beale'.

Louise Beale
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