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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Subject: Consultation on Proposed Changes to the School Admissions Policy

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on The Eltham Church of England Primary School admissions policy. The consultation period will run from Friday 6th November to 8th January 2027. During this time, parents are invited to express their views and any concerns about admission arrangements at Eltham Church of England Primary School

In accordance with the DfE's 2021 statutory 'School Admissions Code' guidance, as a school we must consult on our admission arrangements when changes are proposed, and at least once every seven years.

Eltham Church of England Primary School is proposing the following changes to its admission arrangements:

We are consulting to amend our admissions oversubscription criteria. We propose to add a criterion which would place the staff of children as part of the application of our admissions policy. The proposed wording is as follows:

● Children of Staff: priority will next be given to children of staff at the school, in either of the following circumstances:

o The member of staff has been employed at the school for a period of time exceeding two years at the time which the application for admission is made or

o The member of staff has been recruited to fill a position where there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Please find the full policy and admissions arrangements attached. The applicable section can be found on pages two to four.

A full version of the proposed changes to the admission arrangements, is available to view on the school website

https://www.elthamcoeschool.co.uk/key-information/admissions

or in hard form from reception, at the address above. If approved following consultation, this criterion would be incorporated into the school's oversubscription criteria and applied in accordance with the published admission arrangements from September 2028.

In accordance with statutory DfE guidance, the consultation will run for at least six weeks and, as an interested party, we are keen to hear your views on the current admission arrangements.

Therefore, we invite you to participate in the consultation if you have any concerns regarding the matter.

All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before Friday 8th January 2026 to headteacher@elthamce.greenwich.sch.uk Please label the email's subject as "Admissions Consultation".

Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address, and relationship to the school.

At the end of the consultation period, the Local Governing Body will meet to consider the responses. The outcome of the consultation will be published on the school website as soon as possible following a decision being reached by the Local Governing Body. Hard copies of the final report will be made available on request to all respondents of the consultation.

For further information regarding the consultation process, please refer to our proposal document, copies of which can be located on the school website or in hard copy from our main office. If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact Mrs Rhodes via email at headteacher@elthamce.greenwich.sch.uk or by calling the school.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Charlotte Rhodes
Headteacher