

## **2025/6 Admissions Policy Consultation**

The Good Shepherd Trust is the Admissions Authority for Ashley Church of England Primary School, Ashley Road, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 1HX

The Trust is consulting on a proposed change to the 2025/6 admissions policy for Ashley Church of England Primary School

and would like to hear your views. The Trust has a statutory duty to consult on admissions arrangements if we intend to make a change.

The consultation period will run from the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Information about the consultation will be provided on the Trust and school websites during the consultation period.

### **What is the proposed change?**

The proposed change to the policy is:

Removal of the following criterion:

*5. An applicant who lives a distance (see 'Tie-breaker' definition) of no further than 500 metres from the school AND who can demonstrate eligibility for Pupil Premium (see note 3). A maximum of 10 places will be available for this category*

Comments are not being sought on any other area of the policy.

### **Rationale and potential impact**

We are considering the above change because pupil premium cannot be assigned to a pupil until they have started school, therefore it is very difficult to apply this criterion effectively. In addition, we have not admitted any pupil under this criterion in the past three years:

Year	2021	2022	2023
Number of pupils admitted under criterion 5	0	0	0
Total number of pupils admitted out of 90	90	90	90

The Trust are, therefore, confident that there will be no impact on admissions for 2025/26.

### **How can I respond to the consultation?**

If you would like to submit a response to the consultation, please email Mr Paul Kennedy on: [admissions@goodshepherdtrust.org.uk](mailto:admissions@goodshepherdtrust.org.uk) or write to: Mr Paul Kennedy, The Good Shepherd Trust, Academies Office, Larch Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 1JY.

Please ensure that your response is entitled: 2025/6 Admissions Policy Consultation.

You are able to submit a free text response.

However, the Trust Board would find it helpful if you could include your name and the name of the school to which you are submitting a response. Also, if you are able to indicate whether you will be affected by the proposed change and if so, in what way.

Further details on the admissions consultation process can be found in the School Admissions Code: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1001050/School\\_admissions\\_code\\_2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1001050/School_admissions_code_2021.pdf)

### **What happens next?**

Please note that you will not receive an individual response to your submission and no changes to the proposed policies will be made during the consultation period. After the consultation has closed, all responses will be collated and presented to the Trust Board during the first half term of the spring term 2024. The Board will then decide whether to proceed with the proposed change as well as determining the admission arrangements for all other Trust schools for which no changes are proposed. Once determined the final admission arrangements for all schools will be placed on the websites of the individual schools and sent to the Local Authority and Diocese.