

**TITLE** **Admission Arrangements for Voluntary Aided Schools and Academies**

**FOR CONSIDERATION BY** School Admissions Forum on 9 June 2015

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## **SUMMARY**

This report updates the Forum of the compliance of own admission authority schools in the setting of their 2016/17 admission policies.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Forum notes the report.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

The Forum was advised at its meeting on 10 February of the school's consulting on changes for 2016/17 namely:

**The Forest School** determined the following changes following consultation:

1. Updating the definition of 'previously looked after children' and adding in a closure date for supporting documentation relating to criterion A. (New Code requirement)
2. Altering and updating the definition of medical and social needs in criterion B.
3. Updating the definition of a sibling by adding in the words 'at the time of application'.
4. Modification to the layout of the policy (not content) and removing duplication to make it easier for parents/guardians to read.

**Maiden Erlegh** determined the following changes following consultation:

1. To include an additional oversubscription criterion to give priority to children of staff in the school to be listed as criterion 2.
2. To set an external admission number for the sixth form of 30.

**The Piggott School** determined the following changes following consultation:

1. Removal of siblings who attended the school in the past for one year
2. Update to Criterion A
3. Modification to the layout of the policy

**St Teresa's Catholic Primary School** determined the change to the definition of what is meant by the term 'practicing' following consultation.

The following schools did not consult on any changes and determined their arrangements making amendments only as required by the new School Admissions Code or to update dates or processes and forward to the local authority by 1 May 2015:

All Saint's CE Aided Primary School

Earley St Peter's CE Aided Primary School

Evendons Primary School

Finchampstead CE Aided Primary School

Grazeley Parochial CE Aided Primary School

Sonning CE Aided Primary School

Shinfield St Mary's CE Aided Junior School

St Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School - determined

St Sebastian's CE Aided Primary School - determined

Wheatfield Primary School

Windmill Primary School

The Holt School

Oakbank School

All schools have ensured that their determined arrangements are on school websites and the council cross-references to those websites and has published how objections to the Office of the School Adjudicator can be made where anyone or anybody considers that determined arrangements do not comply with the school admissions code.

Two school policies – Windmill and Wheatfield Primary Schools were not submitted to the local authority by 1 May 2015. The Headteacher is ensuring compliance with the new Code.

#### **List of Background Papers**

School Admissions Code and School Admissions Appeals Codes and relevant regulations

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