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12th December 2025

Dear Families

Bramley Church of England Infant School 2027/8 Admissions Policy Consultation

The Good Shepherd Trust is the Admissions Authority for Bramley Church of England Infant School, Birtley Rd, Bramley, Guildford GU5 0HX.

The Trust is consulting on a proposed change to the 2027/8 admissions policy for Bramley Church of England Infant 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, and it has been seven years since the last consultation.

The consultation period will run from Friday 12th December 2025 to Friday 23rd January 2026

Information about the consultation will be provided on the Trust website

<https://www.goodshepherdtrust.org.uk/our-schools/admissions> and school websites

<https://www.bramley.surrey.sch.uk/main-school/admissions>, during the consultation period.

What is the proposed change?

The proposed change to the policy is:

The proposed change to the policy is to remove the following criteria:

5. Children of families who can show membership of a Church of England Church within the Ecclesiastical Parishes of Bramley and Grafham. (Membership defined according to criteria detailed in Appendix B)

6. Children whose home address is outside the Ecclesiastical Parishes of Bramley and Grafham, who can show membership of another Church of England Church. (Membership as defined according to criteria in Appendix B, See also Appendix A, item 4).

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

Rationale

The Trust seeks to be as inclusive as possible with our admissions policies and procedures. We welcome pupils from all faiths and none and we are keen to make our admissions policy as clear as possible in regard to this. We have, therefore, proposed to remove all church-related criteria

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from our school admissions policies. Some parents have suggested that these criteria have been a barrier to applying to our schools.

Potential Impact

In the past three years, the number of pupils admitted into the school is as follows:

	2025	2024	2023
Places available	30	30	30
Total places offered	30	30	30
Places offered under criterion 5	0	0	0
Places offered under criterion 6	0	0	2

As only two children have been admitted under these criteria in the past three years, and none for the past two years, we do not foresee any impact on admissions.

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 or write to: Mr Paul Kennedy, The Good Shepherd Trust, Larch Building, Larch Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 1JY.

Please ensure that your response is entitled: 2027/8 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

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 2026. 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.

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Kind Regards

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Mrs Naomi Strickland

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