



## **Consultation on proposed Admission Arrangements for St Sebastian's CE Primary School for entry into Reception from September 2026**

### **Introduction**

St Sebastian's CE Primary School is an academy school. The Keys Academy Trust is the admission authority for the school. When an admission authority wishes to make changes to their admission arrangements, they must consult to ensure all views are heard. We are proposing to amend the admission arrangements for St Sebastian's CE Primary School. The Keys Academy Trust is consulting on changes to the admission arrangements for St Sebastian's CE Primary School, as follows:

### **Proposed change to oversubscription criteria**

Removing church attendance from the oversubscription criteria.

### **Why are we proposing this change?**

St. Sebastian's CE Primary School has a close relationship with St. Sebastian's Church and the Christian vision and values of the school remain constant. We welcome all who wish to apply for a school place.

The Oxford Diocesan Board of Education recommends that over subscription criteria do not include faith-based criteria in order that schools remain as inclusive as possible and recognise the heritage of schools established before the 1870 Schools Act which were set up for the education of the poor of the parish.

The admission over subscription criteria for entry to Reception in September 2025 and earlier included attendance at St Sebastian's church. There were no applications for admission in this category for entry into Reception between 2022/23 and 2024/25.

The over subscription criteria for entry to Reception in September 2025 and earlier also included attendance at another Christian church. No applications were received in this category for 2024/25, one application for 2023/24 and one application for 2022/23.

Copies of the proposed arrangements can be obtained from the St Sebastian's CE Primary School website:

[St. Sebastian's Church of England Primary School and Nursery - School Admissions](#)

### **How can you respond?**

We would like to hear your views on these proposals. Please send any comments regarding the above proposed changes by emailing to: [admin@st-sebastians.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-sebastians.wokingham.sch.uk)

Please mark your email: St Sebastian's CE Primary School Consultation. The consultation takes place between **10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and 21st January, 2025**.

### **What happens next?**

After the consultation closes the responses will be collated and presented to The Keys Academy Trust who will decide whether or not to proceed with the proposed changes and determine the admission arrangements. The outcome will be published on the school's website by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025.