

NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS

SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2025/26

Shropshire Council, as admission authority for community and controlled schools in Shropshire, is conducting a consultation exercise on School Admission Arrangements for 2025/26. The Council is simultaneously coordinating a consultation exercise for own admission authority schools, such as academies, whose governing bodies/trustees are responsible for setting their admission arrangements and who wish to make changes to those arrangements. We wish to notify all parents/carers that the consultation will begin on **4 December 2023** and continue for more than 6 weeks until **19 January 2024**.

The proposed amendment to Shropshire Council's admission arrangements are as follows:
St Lawrence CE Primary School in **Church Stretton** is proposing a reduction to its Published Admission Number from 34 to 30.

Shropshire Council are proposing changes to the in-year admission arrangements from 1st September 2024 for all community and voluntary controlled schools as well as own admission authority schools. Shropshire Council is proposing that the Local Authority be responsible for coordinating in-year applications, as well as retaining responsibility for coordinating main admissions rounds. The proposed coordination represents a significant change from the existing position, where the responsibility for in-year applications is delegated to all Shropshire schools.

Proposed changes to Shropshire's admission authority school arrangements are shown below.

- **The Trust-Ed CSAT Alliance** is proposing the standardisation of all their Trust policies, the schools below are consulting on the following changes:
Alveley Primary School - adding medical and staff criteria
Castlefields Primary School, Bridgnorth - adding medical and staff criteria
Stokesay Primary School - adding medical and staff criteria
St. Leonard's CE Primary School, Bridgnorth - adding medical and staff criteria
Church Stretton School - adding medical and staff criteria
Mary Webb School & Science College – changing the position of staff criteria
Oldbury Wells School - adding medical and changing the position of staff criteria
- **Barrow 1618 Primary School** – removal of faith-related criteria
- **Cleobury Mortimer Primary School** – adding medical criteria
- **Clunbury CE Primary School** – adding medical criteria
- **Longden CE Primary School** – removal of faith criteria, adding staff criteria and changing the position of medical criteria
- **Greenacres Primary School** – adding staff criteria
- **St Mary's CE (aided) Primary School** - adding medical criteria
- **Bowbrook Primary School** is a new school and a part of the 3-18 Education trust in Shropshire. As the school opened in September 2023, they need to consult on their proposed oversubscription criteria and admissions policy
- **Much Wenlock Primary School** has joined the 3-18 Education Trust and is proposing to remove medical criteria along with adding staff criteria, bringing the policy in line with those in the rest of the trust
- **St Michaels Federation, consisting of Lydbury North CE Primary School and Onny CE Primary School** is proposing changing the position of medical criteria
- **Our Lady & St Oswald's Catholic Primary School, Oswestry**, and **St John's Catholic Primary School, Bridgnorth** is proposing to give priority to all looked after children and previously looked after children whether or not of Catholic faith
- **Idsall School** has joined The Marches Academy Trust and is and is proposing to add medical criteria to bring their policy in line with those in the rest of the trust

The consultation documents and further information can be found on the individual school websites and on the Shropshire Council website www.shropshire.gov.uk in the link to Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2025.

You can make comments on any of the proposed changes and submit by **Friday 19 January 2024** e-mail school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk, contact the school directly, or write to:
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