01 November 2022

To whom it may concern,

The St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust, as the admissions authority, is consulting on the Proposed Admissions Arrangements, from September 2024, for the following former Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools in the Diocesan MAT. As determined by the School Admissions Code, we are required to consult on these arrangements and are inviting comments on the proposed changes.

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| School | Website |
| Bramfield C of E Primary School | <https://bmpy-suffolk.secure-dbprimary.com/>  |
| Brampton C of E Primary School | <https://www.brampton.suffolk.sch.uk/>  |
| Chelmondiston C of E Primary School | <https://www.chelmondiston.suffolk.sch.uk/>  |
| Eyke C of E Primary School | <https://www.eyke.suffolk.sch.uk/>  |
| Hartest CofE Primary School | <http://www.hartest.suffolk.sch.uk/>  |
| Hintlesham and Chattisham C of Primary School | <https://www.hintleshamchattishamschool.com/>  |
| Long Melford C of E Primary | <https://www.longmelfordprimaryschool.co.uk/>  |
| Mellis C of E Primary School | <https://www.mellis.suffolk.sch.uk/>  |
| Nacton C of E Primary School | <https://www.nacton.suffolk.sch.uk/>  |
| Ringsfield Church of England Primary School | <https://www.ringsfield.suffolk.sch.uk/>  |
| Sproughton C of E Primary | <https://sproughtonprimary.org.uk/>  |
| Stoke-By-Nayland C of E Primary School | <http://www.stokebynaylandprimaryschool.org.uk/>  |
| Tudor C of E Primary School | <https://tudorceprimary.co.uk/suffolk/primary/tudor> |
| Wetheringsett C of E Primary School | <https://www.wetheringsett.suffolk.sch.uk/> |

Proposed Changes:

1. To promote increased inclusion and to ensure that local children are prioritised, the Trust is proposing an amendment to the Admissions arrangements to remove church attendance from the over subscription criteria of former Voluntary Controlled (VC) schools in the DMAT. Over subscription criteria are only applied if there are more applicants than places.

Following consultation last year, Suffolk Church Council will remove church attendance from their VC Schools Admissions Policies from September 2023. The DMAT proposed change will therefore bring Diocesan MAT former VC schools in line with the rest of the VC schools in Suffolk and most VC schools across the country.

**Please note that this proposed change will not have any impact on the Christian character and ethos of the schools or the education provided.**

A copy of the proposed admissions policy for each school is available on each school website. Alternatively, if you require a paper copy, please contact the school direct.

How to respond to the consultation

You can give your views by:

* Following this link [here](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2FPages%2FResponsePage.aspx%3Fid%3DnAqZZJlnQkSYj8uLnp27fznQWZBhsAxIq1Rv35Qs-w5UMzNGMDRKM1RWTVY2RVNYOEpMQlNHRzBLMC4u&data=05%7C01%7CDanielle.Himsworth%40cofesuffolk.org%7Cd7d0153621c84b895d1f08dab1bac788%7C64990a9c67994442988fcb8b9e9dbb7f%7C0%7C0%7C638017713001481750%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=NU2p4jwPxKGFqsSmE05ICvf0RcC81c5B3bUnH7iuKVA%3D&reserved=0)
* emailing sue.todd@cofesuffolk.org (please use ‘Admissions CONSULTATION’ in the subject heading);
* writing to Sue Todd, Deputy Diocesan Director of Education, St Nicholas Centre, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich, IP1 1UQ

Responses must be received no later than 18.00 Friday 16th December 2022.

All responses will be considered by the DMAT Board before making a final decision.

Yours sincerely,



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