



Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School

Detailed Summary of Proposals

1. Introduction of a Category

- The Proposed Change: We are introducing a 6th oversubscription criterion: "Children living outside the catchment area."
- Rationale: This adjustment ensures our admissions policy is fully inclusive and transparent. By adding a 6th criterion, we ensure that every single child who applies including those living outside our designated catchment area who do not meet any other criteria is formally accounted for and ranked fairly using our standard distance tie-breaker.

2. Clarification of Sibling Priority Timeline

- The Proposed Change: We have reworded Criterion 3 (Siblings) to specify that an older sibling must be on roll at the school at *both* the time of application AND the time of actual admission.
- Rationale: This adds absolute clarity for families planning their applications. By specifying this dual timeline, we remove any ambiguity regarding children currently in Year 6 who will leave the school before their younger sibling starts. This protects the fairness of the system and ensures parents have an accurate understanding of their application's priority status from day one.

3. Correction of Local Authority Reference

- The Proposed Change: We have removed the statement: "*We will offer places to children in the following order of priority based on the criteria outlined by North Yorkshire Council's Admission Policy.*"
- Rationale: This section has been removed as it is factually incorrect; there is no such priority order set with North Yorkshire Council. Removing it prevents confusion regarding how applications are handled.

4. Application of Criteria (PAN Update)

- The Proposed Change: We have updated the statement: "*Oversubscription criteria only apply where the number of applications exceeds 60.*"
- Rationale: Following previous adjustments to our school structure, the Published Admission Number (PAN) for both Reception and Year 3 is now 30 (reduced from 60). This is an administrative update to ensure the policy text accurately matches our current active intake capacity.

5. Statutory Compliance (Removal of Out-of-Area Preference)

- The Proposed Change: We have completely removed the statement: "*Preference will be given to children moving into the area from outside the Local Authority area who do not have a school.*"
- Rationale: This clause was removed to ensure full compliance with the statutory School Admissions Code. Legally, when a school is full, all places must be allocated strictly in accordance with our published oversubscription criteria, and blanket priority cannot be given to out-of-area movers.

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