



## St Andrew the Apostle Greek Orthodox School Consultation on Admissions Arrangements September 2022

### Background

RET is the admissions authority for the school. The Local Governing Body consider changes to the school's admissions arrangements and consult on these. Following consultation, the Governors report to RET on the outcome of the consultation and make recommendations before RET determine the final admissions policies.

The admissions consultation for the 2022-23 Admissions Policy<sup>1</sup> and Sixth Form Admissions Policy<sup>2</sup> ran from **16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

This consultation followed the procedure set by the Admissions Code 2014 and gave the local community the opportunity to provide their views on these proposed admission arrangements. Consultees were invited to send us their comments on the proposed policies. They were directed to the Consultation Document<sup>3</sup> for further explanation of the proposed changes.

### Summary of responses

We received one response from the parent of a current student. They wanted to check how the proposed amendment to the 'sibling' criterion would affect the admission of their younger child when their older child would be in Year 8 at the school.

### Comments:

There will be no impact.

### Outcome of consultation

At its meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021, the Local Governing Body considered the responses received to the consultation and recommended to the RET Board that the proposed Admissions Policy, Sixth Form Admissions Policy and Supplementary Information Form be adopted as proposed with the following recommendations:

- **School Admissions Code 2012:** The reference to the Code in both policies should be changed to '2014' as this is the current version of the Code.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://standrewtheapostle.org.uk/documents/policies/STA%20Proposed%20Admissions%20Policy%20September%202022.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://standrewtheapostle.org.uk/documents/policies/STA%20Proposed%20Sixth%20Form%20Admissions%20Policy%20September%202022.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://standrewtheapostle.org.uk/documents/policies/STA%20Consultation%20Letter%20Proposed%20Admissions%20Policy%20September%202022.pdf>

- **Foster children:** Foster-siblings should be included in the ‘sibling’ and ‘children of staff’ definitions in both policies. This corrects a typographical error as the current admissions criterion already include foster children.
- **Children of staff:** The definition within the criterion should be moved to the notes/definitions section for consistency.
- **Distance:** It is proposed that the wording in relation to the ground floor being considered closer than the first floor is removed. This is not accurate in relation to the measurement of straight-line distances which are closest to the school.
- **Education outside of age group: Review of consultation:** Further clarification should be included to make clear that where a student who wishes to be educated outside of their age group seeks permission from governors in “exceptional circumstances”, permission granted does not guarantee the student a place in that year group. They would still need to apply via the usual application process and the Oversubscription Criteria will apply e.g.: *“... the application must be made via the usual application processes and will be subject to the Oversubscription Criteria”*.

## **Decision**

The admissions arrangements for Year 7 and Sixth Form including the recommendations of the Local Governing Body were determined by delegated authority of the RET Board on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The arrangements, including the Supplementary Information Form, have been published on the school’s website and appropriate bodies have been notified.