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Dear Interested Party

Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for 2028/29

St Margaret Mary RC JI School is writing to notify you of a consultation on the proposed 2028/29 admissions arrangements.

The consultation period will run from **19th November 2026 until 31st December 2026.** During this time, parents, carers, diocesan partners, local authorities, neighbouring schools, parish communities and other interested stakeholders are invited to comment on the proposed admissions arrangements.

In accordance with the Department for Education's School Admissions Code, admission authorities are required to consult on admission arrangements where changes are proposed. This consultation therefore fulfils the statutory requirement placed upon the admission authorities for St Margaret Mary RC JI School.

As a result of updates to the Diocesan Model Admissions Policy, all Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Birmingham are required to undertake a full consultation on their proposed admissions policies for the 2028/29 academic year.

The proposed changes are:

- The introduction of new priority categories for Catechumens and children of Eastern Christian Churches.
- The introduction of new priority categories for children of other Christian denominations and children of other faits.
- Changes intended to ensure that admissions arrangements continue to reflect and serve the needs of our school communities.
- A number of minor amendments to wording, definitions and policy content, with the most significant revisions relating to the oversubscription criteria.

Copies of the proposed admissions policies can be accessed via our school website or obtained in hard copy from the school office.

The consultation will remain open for a period of six weeks in accordance with statuary requirements. We welcome views from all interested parties and encourage stakeholders to participate in the consultation. Responses should be submitted in writing no later than **12.00pm on 31st December 2026** and sent to enquiry@stmgtmry.bham.sch.uk

When responding, please include your name, address and your relationship to the school concerned.

Following the close of the consultation period, all responses received will be carefully considered by the relevant Local Governing Boards before the final admissions arrangements are determined and published.

If you require any further information regarding the consultation process or the proposed admissions arrangements, please email enquiry@stmgtmry.bham.sch.uk

Thank you for taking the time to consider and respond to this consultation.

Kind regards

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