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Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

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**5th October 2026**

**Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for 2028/2029 Academic Year**
**Painsley Catholic College**

Part of the St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi Academy Trust (SGACMAT)

**Introduction and Requirement to Consult**
St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi Academy Trust (SGACMAT), as the Admissions Authority for Painsley Catholic College is undertaking a consultation on the admissions arrangements for the **2028/2029 academic year**.

This consultation is being conducted in accordance with the statutory requirements set out in the **School Admissions Code 2021** (Section 1.42).

We are proposing to make the following changes to our admissions policy:

- **Dedicated Priority Categories:** Introduces specific ranking categories for Catechumens, members of Eastern Christian Churches, children of other Christian denominations, and children of other faiths.
- **Standardised Ranking Order:** Reorders admission priority to rank Catholic children (and feeder schools for secondary) first, followed by Catechumens/Eastern Christian Church members, other Christian denominations, other faiths, and all other applicants.
- **Universal Tie-Breaker:** Applies a consistent tie-breaker within *every* category: priority is given first to siblings of current pupils and then by geographic distance.

The Trust delegates responsibility for the administration of the admissions policy to its local governing board. The board intends to adopt the existing admissions arrangements, including the published oversubscription criteria and planned admission numbers (PANs), for the 2028/2029 academic year.

**The Proposed Admissions Arrangements**
The full, existing admissions arrangements, for 2028/2029, are available for review on the following websites:

- The St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi Academy Trust website: Admissions
- The individual academy website: https://www.painsley.co.uk/about/admissions/.
- A hard copy of the proposed arrangements can be requested by contacting: lhi@painsley.staffs.sch.uk or Admissions, Painsley Catholic College, Station Road, Cheadle, Staffordshire, ST10 1LH.

The proposed arrangements remain fully compliant with the School Admissions Code, all relevant admissions law, and the requirements of the Diocese of Birmingham Diocesan Education Service, Don Bosco House, Coventry Road, Coleshill B46 3EA.

**Who Must Be Consulted?**
In line with the DfE School Admissions Code, this consultation is directed at:

1. The parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen.
2. Other admission authorities within the relevant area.
3. The relevant local authority.
4. The governing bodies of community and voluntary controlled schools within the relevant area.
5. The Birmingham Diocesean Education Service.

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**How to Respond to the Consultation**
The consultation period will run for a minimum of six weeks, starting on **Monday, 5th October 2026** and closing at **5:00 PM** on **Monday, 16th November 2026 (6 weeks later)**.

We welcome comments from all stakeholders on the proposed arrangements for 2028/2029.

All comments must be submitted in writing via email or post to the following address:
**Email:** lhi@painsley.staffs.sch.uk *(Please clearly title your email: 'SGACMAT Admissions Consultation 2028/2029')*
**Post:** Admissions, Painsley Catholic College, Station Road, Cheadle, Staffordshire, ST10 1LH.

**Next Steps**
Following the close of the consultation period, the Board of Directors will consider all responses received. Since no changes are proposed, the existing arrangements will be formally determined by 28th February 2027 and be published on the school's website by 15th March 2027.

We thank you for taking the time to review these arrangements.

Yours sincerely

R. A. Waugh

**Mrs R Waugh**
**Principal**