

Statutory consultation on proposed admission arrangements for **The Redeemer Church of England Primary School** for 2027



Consultation Date:- Thursday 6th November 2025 – Thursday 18th December 2025

Why are we consulting?

When changes are proposed to admission arrangements, all Admission Authorities must consult on their admission arrangements that will apply to admission applications for the following school year.

At least every 7 years, Admission Authorities must consult on their admission arrangements; even if there have been no changes during that period.

We would like your views on **three proposed change to the** admission arrangements for **The Redeemer Church of England Primary School** for 2027

Admission Authorities must consult on proposed changes to its admission arrangements for a minimum of six weeks between 1 October (at the earliest) and 31 January (at the latest) in the determination year.

The consultation period for **2027** admission arrangements for **The Redeemer Church of England Primary School** will run from **Thursday 6th November 2025 – Thursday 18th December 2025**.

What are we proposing to change and why?

1. We are proposing the addition of two more criteria for parental worshipping **and** to change the date from 1st September 2026 to 1st January 2027.

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In categories 4 to 6, the child's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must show evidence of being active member(s) of the Church of England, or any church in membership of Churches Together in England, North West Gospel Partnership, The Irish Council of Churches, Free Churches Group, Action of Churches Together in Scotland, Churches Together in Wales, or the Evangelical Alliance by a worship attendance of:

4. Children with a parent/carers worshipping

A minimum of **once a month for at least 12 months at public worship in church** prior to **1st January 2027**.

5. Children with a parent/carers worshipping (occasional)

A minimum of **six attendances at public worship in church** during the 12 months prior to **1st January 2027**. (No more than one attendance per week may be counted)

The lists of Churches can be found on the Churches Together in England website at cte.org.uk, and for the Evangelical Alliance at eauk.org; the Irish Council of Churches, <http://www.irishchurches.org/>, North West Partnership, <http://northwestpartnership.com/join-in/partner-churches/app/partnership/11/title/lancashire> Churches Group <http://www.freechurches.org.uk/> Action of Churches Together in Scotland, <http://www.acts-scotland.org/> Churches Together in Wales, <http://www.cytun.org.uk/> lists are taken as on 1st September 2022.

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these

admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship

The governors will ask to see confirmation of the supplementary form, which must be signed by the relevant member of the clergy or church officer. Parents are responsible for ensuring it is completed and signed.

2. Our second proposal is, following the addition of 2 criteria, to re-number the criteria for Children of Staff and Other children **and** to change the date from the 15th January 2027 to 1st January 2027.

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6. Children of staff

This applies to all staff, full and part time, who are employed by the governing body for the whole of the two years prior to, **1st January 2027.**

7. Other children

3. Our third proposal is to increase the maximum number of children to be admitted under the faith criteria from 30 children to 45 children

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A minimum of **once a month for at least 12 months at public worship in church** prior to 1st January 2027

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Churches Group <http://www.freechurches.org.uk/> Action of Churches Together in Scotland, <http://www.acts-scotland.org/> Churches Together in Wales, <http://www.cytun.org.uk/> lists are taken as on 1st September 2022. **A maximum of 45 children will be admitted under this category.**

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or alternative premises have been available for public worship

The governors will ask to see confirmation of the supplementary form, which must be signed by the relevant member of the clergy or church officer. Parents are responsible for ensuring it is completed and signed.

Who are we consulting with?

We are seeking views from:

- 1) Parents in our borough who have children between the ages of two and eighteen.
- 2) Other persons in our borough who in the opinion of the admission authority believes will have an interest in the proposed admissions;
- 3) All other admission authorities within the borough (except primary schools need not consult secondary schools);
- 4) Governing bodies in the borough (who are not admission authorities);
- 5) Our adjoining/neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority;
- 6) The bodies representing the religions/religious denomination of the faith schools in our borough

Consultation timetable

6 November 2026	Consultation opens.
18 December 2027	End of consultation period and deadline for submitting responses.
INSERT DATE	Analysis of consultation responses and preparation of information to be considered.
INSERT DATE	Meeting of the decision panel to consider the responses and agree admission arrangements.
28 February 2026	Formal determination of admission arrangements.
15 March 2026	Publication of determined admission arrangements.

How to respond

This consultation will run from **Thursday 6th November 2025 – Thursday 18th December 2025** (a period of six term time weeks) ***if the consultations runs over a holiday, it is good practice to extend the consultation to cover the holiday period.**

You are invited to submit responses about the proposal above to the Admission Authority by:

- Online survey [LINK](#)
- Email – Mr Mark Power office@theredeemer.blackburn.sch.uk
- Post – The Redeemer CofE Primary School, Jack Walker Way, Blackburn, BB2 4JP.

Responses must be received no later than 5pm on **Thursday 18th December 2025**. Responses received after this time and date may not be considered.

For more information

If you would like to discuss the proposal or would like more information, please email amanda.jones@theredeemer.blackburn.sch.uk