Statutory consultation on proposed admission arrangements for St Antony's RC Primary School for 2028

2nd November 2026 – 14th December 2026

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 a number of proposed changes to the admission arrangements for St Antony's RC Primary School for 2028.

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 2028 admission arrangements for St Antony's RC Primary School will run from 2nd November 2026-14th December 2026.

What are we proposing to change and why?

We are proposing to revise the school's admissions criteria to clarify the order in which places will be allocated when the number of applications exceeds the number of places available. The criteria prioritise:

1. **Baptised Roman Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children - This includes any "looked after child" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after was adopted or became subject to a residence order/child arrangement order or special guardianship order. (see note b & e)**

2. **Baptised Roman Catholic children in the parish of Holy Family and living in the catchment area for St Antony's. A map of the parish boundaries is available in school and on the school website (see note e)**

3. **Baptised Roman Catholic children who have a sibling in school at the time of admission. (see note d & e)**

4. **Baptised Roman Catholic children (see note e)**

5. **Non Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children - This includes any "looked after child" and any child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after was adopted or became subject to an adoption, a residence order/child arrangement order or special guardianship order - (see note b).**

6. **Non Catholic children who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission. (see note d)**

7. **Other children.**

The aim is to provide greater clarity and transparency for parents and carers, recognise the school's Catholic ethos and links with the local parish, and ensure that the needs of vulnerable children and existing family connections are taken into account. The revised arrangements will also be checked to ensure they comply with the relevant school admissions requirements

Who are we consulting with?

We are seeking views from:

1) Parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen.
2) other persons in the relevant area who in the opinion of the admission authority have an interest in the proposed admissions;
3) all other admission authorities within the relevant area (except that primary schools need not consult secondary schools);
4) whichever of the governing body and the local authority is not the admission authority;
5) any adjoining neighbouring local authorities where the admission authority is the local authority;
6) and in the case of schools designated with a religious character, the body or person representing the religion or religious denomination.

Consultation timetable

02 November 2026	Consultation opens.
14 December 2026	End of consultation period and deadline for submitting responses.
05 January 2027	Analysis of consultation responses and preparation of information to be considered.
01 February 2027	Meeting of the governors to consider the responses and agree admission arrangements.
28 February 2027	Formal determination of admission arrangements.
15 March 2027	Publication of determined admission arrangements.

How to respond

This consultation will run from 2nd November 2026 – 14th December 2026 (a period of six term time weeks).

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

- Online survey https://forms.gle/cyQYU1ea2F8yMGww5
- Email – admin@stantonysrc.co.uk
- Post – St Antony's RC Primary School, Blackburn, BB1 2HP

Responses must be received no later than 5pm on 14th December 2026 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 admin@stantonysrc.co.uk.