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Dear Parents,

This is to inform you that the new admissions policy was passed by the governing body at the last meeting.

We would like to thank those who sent in comments about the removal of the Catholic Certificate of Practice from our admissions policy; we can assure you that your points were fully considered.

In reaching the conclusion to remove the CCP, the governors have followed the advice from the Diocese:

Use of the Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP)

Schools are advised that the use of the CCP in schools that are not oversubscribed with Catholic applicants is not appropriate. The diocesan published guidance on the use of the Certificate of Catholic Practice is as follows:

'A higher test than 'Catholic' (i.e. that of 'practising Catholic') must not be used unless there is an absolute shortage of places in the locality. An absolute shortage of places is not to be confused with oversubscription at a particular school. When there are sufficient places in Catholic schools within the locality for all Catholic children, other criteria should be used to distribute the places available on an equitable basis. In order for the governing body to decide whether it needs to use the test of 'practising Catholic', it will need to seek the agreement of the diocese, since the diocese will have the information about the availability of places in Catholic schools in the locality.'

Therefore, the CCP will not form part of our admission process from 2021, but might be reinstated in the future should the local circumstances change.

Yours sincerely,

G.Smallbone

Chair of Governors

