

**JOINT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Changes to our model policy for 2027-2028**

Most years, admissions policies need to be tweaked in response to decisions made by the Office of the Schools Adjudicator (OSA). Sometimes these tweaks will not necessitate a consultation as definitions and criterions are not fundamentally changed by them (ie the changes add clarity); sometimes they do result in the need for consultation as the necessary changes are more significant.

**Child(ren) of staff criterion**

Changes to our model policy in respect of this criterion have been highlighted in blue. These changes must be made to be compliant with the requirements of the code. If your admissions policy uses this criterion, you will need to make the changes AND consult on your revised policy.

I have used wording proposed by Hampshire County Council Admissions Team.

**Displaced children**

Changes to our model policy in respect of this criterion have been highlighted in yellow. These changes are optional. I have included this as an option to be in line with Hampshire admissions team who have decided to remove the displaced child element of oversubscription. This is due to falling demands in pupil places and the criterion not being utilised. The criterion is considered an over complication that is now not necessary. Admissions authorities can choose to leave consideration of displaced children in their policies. However, if you choose to remove it, then consultation is required.

For help and support with your Admissions Policy, please contact the Diocesan Deputy Director of Education, Rob Sanders:

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