Bishop Chadwick
Catholic Education Trust

CEO: Mr T B Tapping

01 November 2025

Dear Stakeholder

Consultation on Admission Arrangements for 2027/28

Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust is the Admission Authority for its academies. The Trust is consulting on the Admission Arrangements for 2027/28 for its Sunderland academies.

It is a mandatory requirement of the National School Admissions Code that all schools must have Admission Arrangements that clearly set out how children will be admitted, including the criteria that will be applied if there are more applications than places at an Academy. Where changes to admission arrangements are intended, all academies are required to consult before these are determined and published.

To align with Sunderland Local Authority, we are proposing the following amendment to the Tie Breaker:

- Distance is measured by a straight-line measurement from the centre of the home to the main entrance of the school, using a geographical information system (GIS). This uses Ordnance Survey maps and Land & Property Gazetteer (LLPG), which provides co-ordinates for every dwelling.

This will impact on the following schools:

- English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School, Sunderland
- St. Aidan's Catholic Academy, Sunderland
- St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy, Sunderland
- St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School, Grindon
- St. John Bosco Catholic Primary School, Town End Farm
- St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Millfield
- St. Leonard's Catholic Primary School, Silksworth
- St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Sunderland
- St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Ryhope

There are additional statements included in the following policies:

St. Aidan's Sixth Form Admission Policy 2027-28

- The admissions authority has set its published admission number (PAN) at **210** pupils to Year 12 in the school year which begins in September 2027.

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St. Anthony's Sixth Form Admission Policy 2027-28

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- In-Year Applications – clarity on the member of staff who oversees in-year applications.

The proposed Admissions Policies can be found using this link: https://tinyurl.com/policies25

Policies are also available as a paper copy by emailing governance@bccet.org.uk or a copy of the policy can be collected from the school office.

Any responses to the consultation can be made in the following ways:

- In writing, addressed to Governance using the address below.
- By email to governance@bccet.org.uk

Please note responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address and relationship to the school your submission relates to.

The closing date for any responses to this consultation is **noon on Friday 12 December 2025**.

The Local Governing Committees of each school will consider any comments received, before they determine the Admission Arrangements for 2027-28.

Yours faithfully

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