



St Paul's Church of England Primary

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Dear parents, carers and members of the wider community.

In accordance with the Department for Education's statutory School Admissions Code, admission authorities are required to consult on admission arrangements when changes are proposed, and at least once every seven years even if no changes are made.

The Board of Directors of Orchard Multi-Academy Trust — comprising Burghill Community Academy, Canon Pyon CE Academy, St Paul's CE Primary School, St James CE Primary School, and Stretton Sugwas CE Academy — is proposing to align all schools under a common admissions platform and criteria. The proposed changes for each school are as follows:

- **St Paul's CE Primary School:** Introduction of a new criterion — *Children of Staff* — added as Priority 5.
- **St James CE Primary School:** Adjustment to the *Children of Staff* criterion, moving it from Priority 3 to Priority 5, to ensure consistency across all Trust schools.

Attached is the proposed Admissions Policy for Reception entry in September 2027, applicable to all schools within the Trust.

The Board has approved the launch of a formal consultation period, which will run from **Friday 7th November 2025 to Friday 19th December 2025**.

We welcome feedback from all stakeholders. Comments should be submitted in writing no later than **Friday 19th December 2025** to: cweaver@orchardmat.org.uk

Best wishes,

Richard Griffiths

Chair of Directors - Orchard Multi-Academy Trust



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