



Greyfriars Admissions Policy Consultation 5th December 2025 to 16th January 2026

Context

De-amalgamation of St Gregory the Great all through Catholic school (now known as Greyfriars Catholic School) back in November 2020 led to additional criteria to allow those children within Reception at St Frideswide C of E Primary (former primary phase of St Gregory the Great Catholic School) to retain priority over other children, both Catholic and Non-Catholic until September 2027.

Proposal

The Pope Francis Academy Trust and Greyfriars Catholic school propose to remove two of the criteria used to determine the order of priority in which places are allocated when there are more applications for places than the number of places available along with the explanation for the two criteria within the policy (Note 7). The full Admissions Policy for 2026-2027 is also available to view on the school website. <https://www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk/join-us/admissions>. The proposed changes (removal from the policy) are highlighted in red below.

Where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

1. *Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below) who are looked after or previously looked after (see Note 3 below).*
2. *Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below) currently attending a named feeder school (see Note 5 below)*
3. *Baptised Catholic children who currently attend St Frideswide Primary (formerly part of the all through school St Gregory the Great Catholic School now known as Greyfriars Catholic School). See Note 7*
4. *Other Baptised Catholic children (see note 2 below)*
5. *Non-Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after (See Note 3 below)*
6. *Non-Catholic children currently attending a named feeder school (see note 5 below)*
7. *Non-Catholic children who currently attend St Frideswide Primary School (formerly part of the all through school St Gregory the Great Catholic School now known as Greyfriars Catholic School). See Note 7*

Note 7

St Gregory the Great Catholic School following de-amalgamation in November 2020 reverted to a Secondary School. Students from St Frideswide Church of England Primary formerly known as the Primary Phase of St Gregory the Great All through Catholic School now known as Greyfriars Catholic School will retain priority until September 2027 over Other Baptised Catholic and Other Non-Catholic Children.

Excerpt from the Admissions Policy 2026-27

Responding to the consultation

To respond to the consultation please email office@gfcs.uk with the heading Greyfriars Admission Policy consultation by 16th January

When the consultation period has ended the Greyfriars Local Governing Body will meet to reconsider the proposed policy and discuss any comments or objections that have been submitted. They will determine whether any further amendments should be made to take into account these comments. Please be aware that comments or objections submitted after 16th January will not be taken into account. The final policy will then be determined and published on the school website by 15th March 2026.