

## School Specific Criterion 2025/26

Governing bodies of community and voluntary controlled schools in Hampshire can request to include in their admission policy a criterion which they regard as essential if children are to be treated fairly in relation to clearly defined local conditions. Similarly, schools can request the removal of existing school specific criteria. Such requests are considered by Hampshire's Admission Forum in the first instance and if approved, are put out for statutory consultation.

We are proposing changes to the admission arrangements for 2025/26 for the following schools:

### St James CE Primary School, Emsworth

**Proposal:** To expand the list of churches named under criterion 6 & 10 of the school's admission policy and update definition vii as follows:

Current:

*Criteria 6 & 10 - Children....with a parent who is an active member (see definition vii) of the following churches: Emsworth Methodist Church, Emsworth Baptist Church, Waterside United Reformed Church, Emsworth St Thomas' Catholic Church, Emsworth New Life Church.*

*vii) Active member of the Church of England' is defined as attending worship at a Church of England church at least twice a month for the previous two years before the date of application\*....*

Proposed for 2025-26:

*Criteria 6 & 10 - Children.... with a parent who is an active member (see definition vii) of the following churches: Methodist Church, Baptist Church, United Reformed Church, Roman Catholic Church, Emsworth One Church and Evangelical Alliance members. (Note - It is the responsibility of the person signing this form to check whether their Church meets this criterion.)*

*vii) An Active member of a Church (Church of England, Methodist Church, Baptist Church, United Reformed Church, Roman Catholic Church, Emsworth One Church and Evangelical Alliance members) is defined as attending worship at these churches at least twice a month for the previous two years before the date of application\*.....*

[View the 2024/25 admission policy for St James CE Primary School](#)

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## St John the Baptist CE Primary School, Titchfield Common

**Proposal:** To include a link to the Churches Together Member Church Directory to help parents understand which churches are included under 6 & 10 as highlighted, below:

*Criteria 6 & 10 - Children...with a parent who is an active member of a church included in 'Churches Together in England' and who requests admission on denominational grounds and provides relevant evidence. The list of member churches of 'Churches Together in England' is found here [Member Church Directory – Churches Together in England \(cte.org.uk\)](#).*

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## Rownhams St John CE Primary School, Southampton

**Proposal:** To include a link to the Churches Together Member Church Directory to help parents understand which churches are included under 6 & 10 as highlighted, below:

*Criteria 6 & 10 - Children...with a parent who is an active member of a church included in 'Churches Together in England' and who requests admission on denominational grounds and provides relevant evidence. The list of member churches of 'Churches Together in England' is found here [Member Church Directory – Churches Together in England \(cte.org.uk\)](#).*

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