

## **Admissions consultation for 2014 by Coventry schools**

Please see below summary details of the schools which are consulting on their admissions policies for 2014. If members would like to see the proposed policies in detail these are available on the city council website. Only 4 secondary schools and academies have consulted on changes in their admission arrangements this year

### **Blue Coat Church of England School (Academy)**

The school have tried to reduce the detail within the policy document to make it clearer and more accessible for parents. They have also changed the definition of the address to be used in shared parenting cases and have made changes to the sibling information.

The local authority have recommended that they include signposting information on details of the points system, list of churches accepted for church place applicants, and that they ensure that the information on how distance criteria is used to rank applicants is explained more clearly.

### **Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School (voluntary aided)**

Added more detail into the explanation of their admission requirements for sixth form places

### **Sidney Stringer Academy**

The school have added a criterion for the children of school staff. The local authority are recommending that they also include a definition of staff within the policy for clarity.

### **Whitley Academy**

The school have added a criterion for the children of school staff with detailed definitions. However this is placed above all children in the catchment area apart from those with siblings at the school. The local authority are recommending that they consider including this criterion as a lower priority.

The school have decided not to participate in the in-year co-ordinated scheme and have added several conditions and limits on how they will deal with in year admissions. The local authority has given detailed information on how much of this detail does not meet the requirements of the School Admissions Code and needs to be changed.

They have also changed the definition of the address to be used in shared parenting cases and have added more detail to the sibling information.

The local authority has also made recommendations about amending oversubscription criteria wording to include those non-siblings living outside the catchment area, and getting consistency in descriptions of distance measuring systems and some terminology for greater clarity.

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