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Dear Parent / Carer

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Re: Changes to Abbey Grange C of E Academy Admissions Policy 2019 – Please read if you will be applying for a place at Abbey Grange for a younger child to start in September 2019

There have been some changes made to the original published policy for admissions to Abbey Grange C of E Academy for September 2019 entry. Whilst the policy remains one which uses faith as its main oversubscription criterion (the process by which places are allocated when the academy has more applicants than places), there are now a reduced number of sub-categories within the main 3 faith categories. In particular, the “known to the church/place of worship” sub category has been removed, and residence within the deaneries of the Diocese of Leeds has been moved to the tie break provision. The advantage of having an older sibling already attending Abbey Grange has been made clearer, with priority in each of the faith sub-categories. The supplementary information form has been changed to reflect this.

These changes are as a result of a review of our admissions policy by the Office of the Schools Adjudicator (OSA), in the light of the original policy being perceived to be complex and therefore difficult for parents and carers to understand. The decision of the OSA and the determination it has made were only made known to us on 29 August and are legally binding on the academy, meaning that they have had to be implemented for the current admissions round. Therefore the admissions policy has certain differences to the original policy published on the academy’s website.

I wanted to contact any existing parents/carers who may have younger children that they will be applying for this year, to make you aware of the changes. We have already had some applications handed in using the old supplementary information form, and we are now contacting those families to ask them to fill in the new version of the form.

The altered 2019 Admissions Policy and updated supplementary information form are now available to view on the academy’s website – just click on the Admissions tab and follow the links.

Yours faithfully

Jon Norden
Principal