



Emmanuel Church of England Primary School
West Hampstead
School Admissions Consultation for School year 2017-18

The Governing Body of Emmanuel Church of England Primary School consulted for the statutory minimum period of **six (6) weeks** between **Monday 9th November 2015** and **Monday 21st December 2015** continuously.

The details of the consultation and the proposals were published during that period on the school website, in newsletters to parents and carers, on the Emmanuel Church website, in the church notice sheet each week, and on the school noticeboard. Other stakeholders were informed of this consultation on our behalf by the Admissions Team of the London Borough of Camden. The London Diocesan Board for Schools was also consulted as part of the Governors' statutory duty.

The consultation was as follows:

- Whether the balance of places, **currently two thirds church, one third community** should change to a **50:50 split between church and community**
- Whether the required attendance for church places should change from currently at **least six times in each quarter in the previous twelve (12) months at the time of application** to **six times each quarter in the previous twenty four (24) months at the time of application.**

Thirty two (32) written responses were received as part of the consultation. The breakdown of these responses was as follows:

After children with Statements of Educational Need or Educational Health Care Plans, naming the school on that statement and the statutory Route One of "Looked after children" (i.e. children in the care of the Local Authority) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, residence, or special guardianship order'.
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Those in favour of moving to a 50:50 balance of places between church and community.	Those against moving to a 50:50 balance of places between church and community	Those abstaining / expressing no strong view either way
6	26	0
Those in favour of moving to 24 months attendance at church for church places	Those against moving to 24 month attendance at church for church places	Those abstaining / expressing no strong view either way
25	2	5

The Governors discussed the responses at their Finance and Admissions Committee meeting on 27 January 2016 and again at the Full Governing Body meeting on 11 February 2016, when the admissions policy for 2017-18 was determined by the whole Governing Body, as required by law. After a wide-ranging discussion, in which the consultation and the issues raised were carefully scrutinised, the Governors determined the following policy for 2017-18: that the balance of places after Route 1 should remain two thirds church and one third community, but that the required attendance at church for the church places should become twenty four (24) months.

This decision of the Governing Body thus reflects the majority view expressed in the consultation, and further takes account of the considerations of staff, pupils, and other stakeholders as well as the Governors' own strategic vision for the school.

The Governors will regularly review the admissions policy in the context of the school's ethos and objectives, and seek to ensure that the policy best serves all of Emmanuel's stakeholders, including current and future parents/carers, the wider community of West Hampstead, other Camden Schools, the London Borough of Camden and the London Diocesan Board for Schools.

The Governors would like to thank most sincerely all those who responded to this consultation and to assure them that all of the views expressed were carefully considered in determining the admissions policy of Emmanuel School for 2017-18.