

The Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School

GOVERNORS' ADMISSIONS PANEL

Terms of Reference

2014/ 2015

Membership

1. The Admissions Panel shall consist of a minimum of three members, nominated at the Governing Body meeting held in the Autumn Term.
2. Members of the governing body not directly in membership with the Panel may attend and take full part in the meeting(s).
3. The Chair/Vice Chair of the Governing Body may attend meetings and have equal voting rights with Panel members.
4. In line with Good Practice, the Headteacher will be appointed onto the Admissions Panel, but the Headteacher cannot act in place of the governing body in determining the school's admissions policy, or in deciding on the admission of any individual child.
5. Quorum to elect Chair to the Panel shall be three members of the Panel and the Headteacher.
6. Quorum to conduct normal business on behalf of the governing body shall be three members of the Panel and the Headteacher.

Meetings

1. The Panel must meet in the Autumn Term and then as necessary.
2. Agenda and relevant papers should be sent to members 7 days before a scheduled meeting.
3. Meeting notes must be taken.

Alternative Arrangements for Governor Participation at Meetings

Where a governor is unable to be physically present on the date of the meeting:

1. A governor may participate and vote at meetings via telephone or video conferencing facility, if they have indicated this in advance of the meeting and this facility is available.
2. If a governor participates/votes at meetings but is not in attendance, due regard will be paid to confidentiality and fair and equal contribution to the meeting.
3. The school will make arrangements for the meeting to take place where telephone or any other method of electronic communication will enable a governor to participate fully including vote on issues.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. To elect a Chair at the meeting held in the Autumn Term.
2. To nominate a clerk to keep a record of the meeting.
3. To determine the school's Admissions Policy for Year 7 and Year 12 and decide on the admission of individual children.
4. To determine within statutory provisions and the governing body policy whether any child should be admitted to the school.
5. To review admissions arrangements in consultation with the Diocese of Westminster and the Local Authority.
6. To make recommendations for changes to the governing body within the time specified by the Local Authority.

Reporting to the Governing Body

1. The Panel's meeting notes are to be recorded under Part 'B' and will be made available to the full Governing Body.
2. Report all matters that are legal requirements and must be taken to the full Governing Body.
3. Report from the above what it might be necessary / polite / of interest to the full Governing Body.

Members Interests

Any member of the Admissions Panel who has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any matter, which is the subject of consideration by the Panel, shall, at the meeting, disclose the fact and take no further part in the discussion. At the discretion of the Panel, the Panel member shall leave the meeting.

Review

1. These terms of reference are to be reviewed annually in the Autumn Term and presented to the Governing Body for approval at their next meeting.
2. These terms of reference will be approved by the full Governing Body at their meeting to be held on 19th March 2015.

Date for Review by the Governors' Admissions Panel: 8th October 2014

Date of Next Review: Autumn Term 2015

Approved: _____
Chair of Admissions Panel