

UPDATED - COVID-19 Instructions for church leaders on how the faith criteria will be applied for the September 2021 Year 7 intake

The criteria for applicants to be considered for a Faith place at Trinity School has been that the child plus at least one parent must have attended worship on average twice a month going back two years at the time of application.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this application year is clearly different, in that churches were forbidden from meeting for some months. The Secretary of State for Education has agreed a variation to our Admission Arrangements to take this change of circumstances into account.

The faith admissions criteria in Admissions Policy has been amended to for this year (2021 intake) to:

Christian families for these purposes are defined as families where at least one parent / carer and the student consistently attend a Christian Church at least twice per month for a 15 month period up to 1 February 2020 for the Year 7 intake Sept 2021, whose minister is able to provide a reference confirming their attendance on the application form

So we are asking church leaders to tick the attendance box on the SIF if families meet this criteria, as below

- Please tick here to confirm that at least one parent or carer of the above named child, and the child themselves, attend church regularly (which needs to be at least twice a month for a minimum of 15 months – attendance for at least the period 1 November 2018 - 1 February 2020).

This is a reduced time period (the criteria currently states a minimum of 2 years) to take into account the closure of churches due to the pandemic and also people's reluctance to attend prior/after lockdown due to personal circumstances.

It is also a simple and objective method for determining who meets the Faith criteria, which is a priority as it is really important that this criteria is applied consistently across all applications to ensure fairness for all applicants.