



**DBE guidance for church schools in the Diocese of Gloucester who are their own admissions authority and are using or wish to use faith criteria as one of their oversubscription criterion.**

The GDBE supports admission authorities to use faith criteria as an oversubscription criterion if they wish. Schools should use the measure of faith commitment as regular attendance at 'public worship', with that attendance verified by a member of the clergy or a designated Church officer.

For the purposes of these admission arrangements, 'public worship' means a church which is Designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure 2018, nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, or locally by the diocesan bishop, or which is a member of Churches Together in England or affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance or a Partner Church of Affinity. The list of nationally Designated churches can be found at [https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-04/list\\_of\\_designated\\_churches\\_3\\_o ct\\_18.pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-04/list_of_designated_churches_3_oct_18.pdf).

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