

**Peterborough City Council's policy position regarding the establishment of
new denominational schools**

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The following questions form the basis on which the Council will consider and respond whenever a denominational group/trust submits a proposal to sponsor or establish a new voluntary aided school or an Academy with a faith designation/religious character.

Is there:

- unmet local demand for additional relevant faith provision?
- an established trend where parental preference for places in existing denominational schools exceeds the number of places available and this is forecast to continue into the foreseeable future?
- the potential for new denominational provision to alleviate the demand on places in other schools in areas of high basic need?

Where there is evidence of the above, the following will be among a number of issues which the Council will also need to be consider:

- the availability of suitable sites
- the availability of capital funding, and
- the potential impact on other schools in the area

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