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Admissions policy recipe for elitism

THE recently introduced method of admission of primary one pupils is far from satisfactory. The purpose of the change is said to be to eliminate the privileged schools.

The introduced method of selection is based entirely on the relation of the candidate with the school. If the candidate has no relation to the school, he/she will not be admitted.

Why should this be so?

Does it not create a privileged class? And that class can remain privileged in a self-perpetuating manner under this system.

Something new is not necessarily something good; face-saving for the few is selfish indeed.

To be fair to all, pupils should be admitted by competition.

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